



Tribe experiencing progress 'in every corner of our nation'

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said "there is evidence of growth and success in every corner of our nation," during his annual State of the Nation address to the Chickasaw people.

The address was delivered 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at Fletcher Auditorium with live audio available on KCNP Radio and worldwide on the Chickasaw Nation web site.

During the address, which was interrupted 38 times by applause, Gov. Anoatubby outlined progress and success in economic development, health care, housing, education and other areas.

"Progress is a common thread in our continuing story," said Gov. Anoatubby. "The state of the Chickasaw Nation is strong and continues getting stronger."

Economic Development

Net revenues of the tribe increased more than 10 percent over the past year, while net assets increased nearly 16 percent.

The recent grand opening of the 12-story, 395-room WinStar World Casino Hotel in Thackerville was highlighted. An RV park was also re-

cently opened at the casino.

The recent purchase of Remington Park horse racing track and casino in Oklahoma City was also mentioned. Global Gaming Solutions, a tribal subsidiary, recently purchased the track and plans to upgrade the facility.

Other successful businesses mentioned include Bedre Chocolates, Chickasaw Nation Industries, and Solara Health Care.

Health Care

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada is 78 percent complete, with substantial completion projected for early 2010.

Construction of the 370,000 square-foot medical center required 2,800 tons of structural steel.

Over time, the Chickasaw Nation Health System expects to add 300 new positions at the facility, which is almost three times the size of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

Increased staff will include practitioners in family practice, dentistry, obstetrics, gynecology and optometry.

New equipment, including CT scan, MRI, digi-

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby presents the annual "State of the Nation" address on October 3 in Tishomingo.

'Lowak Shoppala' brings history to life

ADA, Okla. - Three renowned Chickasaw artists - Jerod Tate, Linda Hogan and Margaret Roach Wheeler - will help bring Chickasaw culture to life at the November 21 premiere of "Lowak Shoppala" (Fire and Light).

"These are three exceptionally talented individuals who have accomplished great things in the fields of music, literature



Jerod Tate

and visual arts," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "There is no doubt they will create an incredibly moving production as they combine their talents with all the other talented individuals and groups involved in this project."

The production is presented by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities and East Central University at the Ataloo Theater in the Hall-



Linda Hogan

ie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center on the university campus in Ada.

Chickasaw classical composer Jerod Tate was commissioned by the American Composers Forum Continental Harmony Project to create the music for the production.

"The title of the work comes directly out of the poetry of

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Margaret Roach Wheeler

Gorgeous day welcomes Cultural Center 'sneak peek'

SULPHUR, Okla. - A bright and beautiful day welcomed hundreds of Chickasaws and guests to a preview of the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center during the "Behind the Scenes Sneak Peek" event Oct. 2.

The day was packed with indoor and outdoor activities that showcased the nearly-complete campus.

More than 1,200 people

participated in the day's activities.

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, administrator of the tribe's Division of History and Culture, said the development of the Cultural Center fulfilled a dream for many tribal citizens.

"The Chickasaw Cultural Center has been a dream

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tal mammography, ultrasound and bone scan will be available at the new medical facility.

Education

Funding for education has increased considerably in recent years.

“Our strength lies in the yearning of our children for a better tomorrow, their thirst for knowledge and their willing embrace of all that is Chickasaw,” said Gov. Anoatubby.

More than \$11 million in education assistance was provided to students in FY 2009. That is an increase of more than \$2 million over the previous year.

More than 2,000 students received grants and scholarships to assist in the pursuit of higher education.

Housing

Home ownership programs continue to grow. Thirty-four new homes were constructed this year and another 25 are currently under construction.

The tribe’s Housing and Tribal Development Division received accreditation from the International Accreditation

Service. The Chickasaw Nation is the first tribe in the U.S. and the only building department in Oklahoma to earn this accreditation.

Culture

Mention of the Chickasaw Cultural Center brought roars of approval from Chickasaws and others, many of whom had visited the day before to get a “sneak peek” of the facility prior to its official opening.

Construction of that project included 250 tons of structural steel, 300 miles of reinforcing steel and 14,000 cubic yards of concrete – enough to build more than 200 three-bedroom homes.

Workers moved more than 200,000 cubic yards of dirt and 2,000 tons of rock constructing the facility, which has more than 96,000 square feet of indoor space on the 109-acre campus.

Opening of the Cultural Center is expected in May of 2010.

A reference to “Pearl,” the tribe’s first feature film project, also drew thunderous ap-

plause. The film relates the story of the late Pearl Carter Scott, the Chickasaw aviatrix who was the youngest licensed pilot in America in 1928. “Pearl” was previewed in the large format theatre of the Cultural Center on Friday.

“Pearl,” the tribe’s first feature film project, highlights the teen years of the Mrs. Scott, who broke new barriers for both women and youthful pilots in the U.S.

“Pearl” has been screened at film festivals in Dallas and Oklahoma City, and at the International Cherokee Film Festival Oct. 10.

It also had four screenings at the Heartland Film Festival in Indianapolis Oct. 17-24.

Projects currently in the planning stages include an independent living facility for Chickasaw seniors in Ardmore, an expansion of the senior site in Madill, and a science and mathematics technology center in Ada.

Economic Development

- Net Revenues – up 10%
- Net assets – up nearly 16%
- Purchase of Remington Park horse track and casino
- Opening of 12-story, 395 room WinStar World Casino Hotel
- Opening of RV Park at WinStar World Casino

Construction

Chickasaw Cultural Center

- Opening May 2010
- 96,000 square feet of indoor space
- 250 tons of structural steel
- 300 miles – 1 million pounds - of reinforcing steel
- 14,000 cubic yards of concrete
- 200,000 cubic yards of dirt moved
- 2,000 tons of stone
- 6,000 light fixtures

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center

- Completion expected early 2010
- Currently 78 % complete
- 370,000 square feet
- 700,000 square feet of paved parking completed
- 2,800 tons of structural steel

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of the Chickasaw people for more than 20 years,” she said. “Under Governor Anoatubby’s leadership, the dream is finally becoming a reality.”

Dr. Cobb-Greetham, a Chickasaw, said Chickasaw people made the Cultural Center viable.



Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham

“Hundreds of tribal citizens have contributed to the planning and development of the Cultural Center,” she said. “It is truly a community effort in

every way.”

First Impressions

When asked what she thought of the Culture Center, nine-year-old Hazel Eckart, said, “it’s great and it’s big.”

Hazel attended the opening with her brother Ben Conard, 11, and other family members.

Charmaine Naranjo traveled with her small children Cheyenne and Christopher from Palm Springs, Calif., to participate in the Festival activities.

As she pushed the baby’s

stroller from the Chikashsha Poya Exhibit Center to the Anoli Theater, she said she was impressed with the Cultural Center, describing it as “awesome and very spectacular.”

Seven-year-old Chickasaw twins Christian and Reece Siegle, of Ada, said they were impressed with the Cultural Center. The boys proudly recited facts about the traditional village.

Behind the Scenes

Guests enjoyed beautiful weather during lunch at the

Aaimpa Café and during storytelling, Choctaw hymns, and living history players’ amphitheater performances.

The movie “Pearl” was screened twice in the Anoli Theater during the day.

“Pearl” is the true story of the late Chickasaw pilot Pearl Carter Scott, the youngest licensed pilot in the U.S. in 1928.

“Pearl” was produced by the Chickasaw Nation.

Filmmaker Rick Thompson sat in on one of the screenings and said, “I enjoyed ‘Pearl’ tremendously. The cinematography was breathtaking and the story was heartwarming. I really didn’t know what to expect when I first sat down to watch the film, (it was) a wonderful effort all the way around.”

Interspersed with the “Pearl” screenings, a “Behind the Scenes” film featuring the planning and building of the Cultural Center was shown at theater.

Chickasaw artist Mike Lar-

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We want YOU! - Annual Meeting and Festival 2010

It's great when a plan comes together!

Last month's Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival were absolutely terrific. The weather was, for the most part, beautiful and Chickasaws and guests from across the country enjoyed the events and the good company. It's difficult to remember a time when things went so well.

This year the Annual Meeting and Festival included a behind the scenes preview of the new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. While not yet complete, much of the complex was open for everyone to enjoy. I personally had the wonderful opportunity to meet many people for the first time. We often made connection by informally exploring our family histories, and we almost always determined we had at least one common friend or relative.

The day was gorgeous and everyone enjoyed the great feeling of celebrating our Chickasaw culture together. This was an excellent example of what we may expect once this incredible facility is open. Construction is moving steadily toward the anticipated opening in the summer of 2010. Opening of the Cultural Center will begin a new chap-



**GOV. BILL
ANOATUBBY**

Governor,
the Chickasaw
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ter in the preservation and celebration of our Chickasaw history and heritage. As you explore the exposition hall, the theatre, the Chickasaw village, the honor plaza, the pavilion and the Holisso Center for scholarship and research, you are guaranteed to learn something new about your history.

This year's Southeastern Art Show and Market was undoubtedly the finest ever presented. So many accomplished Southeastern artists and craftsmen were on hand to display their work, it was hard to break away. From traditional bows, jewelry, pottery and musical instruments to modern oil paintings and sculpture, the breadth of the show was outstanding. And there was a history lesson with each piece of art.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, following the State of the Nation presentation, we all enjoyed the bright sunshine and gentle breeze during the annual parade. So many Chickasaws and other

friends lined the route. It was tremendously fulfilling to see so many friends gathered together to celebrate our heritage.

It occurred to me during our Annual Meeting and Festival that some of our younger citizens may not

know much of the story of our tribe's survival and eventual emergence in this modern era. The many, many opportunities now available to our young people were built on the work and the diligence of their parents, grandparents and others, many of whom I saw at the Annual Meeting and Festival. What a remarkable connection that is! In just a short 20 years, our tribe has risen from virtual subsistence to a vital organization in which opportunity awaits for every Chickasaw who seeks it.

For our young people today, the sky truly is the limit!

It should be noted that we all enjoyed the organizational efforts of a large group of Chickasaw Nation employees who volunteered to help make this year's Annual Meeting and Festival a great success. Our valued employees volunteer each year for our events, and we are very appreciative of their assistance. This year, our volunteers went the extra mile to create a great atmosphere for all Chickasaws and friends who were in attendance. From driving the golf carts to assisting with parking to managing the parade to simply helping citizens with needs, they deserve a big "thank you!"

For those who could not attend this year, we look forward to seeing you in 2010. And remember, you are very welcome to visit any time of year, and you don't have to wait until next October.

Get in touch with your tribe today! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Chickasaw-owned company buys Remington, Lone Star Parks

Global Gaming Solutions, a company owned by the Chickasaw Nation, recently completed the purchase of two horse racing tracks - one in Oklahoma and one in Texas.

A Delaware bankruptcy judge approved the sale of Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas Oct. 28. The sale of Remington Park horse track and casino in Oklahoma City was approved Sept. 15.

Global Gaming purchased both facilities as part of the bankruptcy proceedings of Magna Entertainment Corporation. According to Magna's web site, they are "North America's number one owner and operator of horse racetracks."

Remington Park has continued to be a profitable enterprise, even as Magna filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy March 5.

"We purchased Remington Park because we believe it is a good long-term investment," said John Elliott, CEO of Global Gaming Solutions. "Remington Park is a very stable business. It has a long history in Oklahoma.

"It is an asset with a lot of

potential, but it's fairly well known it has been allowed to deteriorate to a degree. We think we can improve the gaming operation. We also think there is opportunity for cosmetic improvements, additional amenities and entertainment improvements."

Location was an important factor in the decision to purchase both Lone Star Park and Remington Park, according to Mr. Elliott.

Lone Star Park is located in one of the largest and most productive market areas in the U.S.

Remington Park is located in close proximity to other attractions, including the Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Science Museum Oklahoma, National Softball Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma State Firefighters Museum.

"We believe we have very strong support in the area," said Mr. Elliott. "We plan to work closely with Oklahoma City officials and business owners to develop what some consider the forgotten side of

Oklahoma City."

Roy Williams, president of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, told *the Daily Oklahoman* "This is really good news. It's great to have local, Oklahoma owner-

ship. It makes it easier to work with people and partner up on programming.

"That's a viable entity we have, and we're glad someone who understands the industry will be the prime owner. The

Chickasaws have been leaders in developing tourism in Oklahoma and we're confident in what they're bringing to the table."

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Two-year term as leader of Indian advocacy group

Lt. Gov. Keel elected president of National Congress of American Indians



**Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov.
Jefferson Keel**

Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel has recently been elected president of the National Congress of American Indians.

Lt. Gov. Keel began his two-year term as NCAI president October 15.

"I'm honored to have been elected, and I look forward to leading a pro-active and energetic organization," Lt. Gov. Keel said.

The NCAI was established in 1944 in response to federal termination and assimilation policies. The organization's mission is to inform the pub-

lic and Congress on Indian issues, to monitor federal Indian policy and to protect the treaty and sovereign rights of Indian tribes.

The organization consists of 250 member tribes and represents approximately 70 percent of Indian people.

For Lt. Gov. Keel, the leadership role is an opportunity to have a positive impact on the most important Indian issues of the era.

"I intend to focus on Indian

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Linda Hogan," said Mr. Tate. "She composed a poem called 'Fire and Light' for the tribe back in 2004. I was so moved by the poetry and the idea that I realized I wanted to use her poetry in the work as well."

While many Continental Harmony projects involve a musical performance, "Lowak Shoppala" is much more.

"It's a multimedia work in that it's for theater, so it involves acting and staging and costumes and there's dance and soloists, singers, and the children's chorus and traditional dancers from the tribe as well," said Mr. Tate. "So there's a very large mix of talent. So, basically, it's a theater piece, but I do feel comfortable with theater, because I grew up with theater. So it's something that for me feels very natural."

"But there are a lot of different components that go into that than when you write for a string symphony or an orchestra, it's just an orchestra. With this, we have several artistic organizations

and artistic talent that is involved in the project."

Organizations involved in the production include the Chickasaw Dance Troupe, Chickasaw Children's Choir, Chickasaw Hymn Singers, Oklahoma Youth Orchestra and dancers from Cara Crawford's Dance studio. The tribal Division of Arts and Humanities is coordinating the production.

Textile artist Margaret Roach Wheeler created the costumes and set designs for the production. Ms. Wheeler first learned of the project more than two years ago, when she met with Mr. Tate in Ada.

"That is the first time I'd heard of this project," said Ms. Wheeler, with obvious excitement. "I couldn't sleep that night and I knew exactly what I was going to do. It all came to me because Jerod told us the scenes he was going to be writing music for and I could just visualize it. I could visualize almost everything."

Ms. Wheeler incorporated almost a decade of research she has conducted under a National Museum of the Ameri-

can Indian research fellowship she began in 2000. She recently fitted several costumes on models.

"It's really easy to draw these things up and visualize it, but to turn them into actual creations - that's the most exciting part," she said. "The costumes just fell into place from things I've been thinking about for 10 years."

"To actually see them on the models we selected, it just brings it all to life. I think the models even felt it. They seemed to really get into the character of the costume."

Each of the artists involved have spoken very highly about the spirit of collaboration among the three.

Ms. Hogan said that both Mr. Tate and Ms. Wheeler were doing "incredible work."

"We all three are very much on the same page as far as how we were visualizing this taking place, and what would be in it and what would develop, said Ms. Hogan. "So, for me to work up the language and the music was really kind of a gift."

Mr. Tate said he hoped the production would help inspire "artistic pride" among Chickasaws.

"When (art is) done really well, it makes people feel good about who they are," he said. "Regardless of what you're listening to - a Russian composer can make an American walk out of the auditorium feeling good about who they are. In particular, I want Chickasaw people to feel that way - and feel that who they are has been represented well."

He also hopes it will inspire interest in Chickasaw culture.

"So, here you have a very dramatic artistic representation of different aspects of our culture - so, I'm hoping that people that are non-Indian will walk away and go 'Wow! I'd like to know more about that tribe, or I'd like to know more about Indian people because I think that was cool.'"

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email performance@chickasaw.net.

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If you go

- Premiere 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.
- Matinee 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22.
- Ataloa Theater, Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center.
- East Central University Campus, Ada, Okla.
- Tickets are free, but reservations are required.
- Call 580-272-5520 to reserve tickets

Ataloa Theater

Mary "Ataloa" Stone McClendon was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 2006. A cousin of Te Ata Fisher, Ataloa was a nationally renowned concert vocalist, educator, and advocate for Native American education and fine arts.

Her education included studies at Columbia University, the International Institute of John D. Rockefeller, Oklahoma College for Women, University of Redlands among other institutes.

As a performer, Ataloa received accolades for her poise, culture, personality and rich contralto voice.

Those who witnessed performances said she had the ability to understand the Indian heart through her program of Indian songs, legends and ceremonies.

She left her career as a performer, however, to take a position as a teacher at Bacone College in Oklahoma.

Following her career at Bacone, Ataloa taught at the prestigious Idyllwild School of Music and Arts from 1950 to 1963.



Margaret Roach Wheeler at work on her loom creating a costume for "Lowak Shoppala"



Joanna Underwood applies a "tattoo" to Lennon Carney in preparation for the production of "Lowak Shoppala." Carney plays a member of the squirrel clan in the production.



Chickasaw Dance Troupe members Jeremy and Ashley Wallace will dance in "Lowak Shoppala" in regalia designed by Margaret Roach Wheeler.

Celebrating Communities Through Music

American Composers Forum Continental Harmony Project



A major initiative of the American Composers Forum and the National Endowment for the Arts, Continental Harmony links composers with communities across the country.

The program's overwhelming success is extending the reach of new music, building civic pride in communities, and providing new markets and artistic challenges for composers. Since 2000, more than 80 communities spanning all 50 states have participated in the project.

Reaching from small towns to big cities, Continental Harmony projects honor this country's remarkable artistic and cultural resources. An extensive study of the participating communities has shown the many tangible ways they've changed through the program - from increased civic pride and the building of stronger community infrastructures to the bridging of long-standing community divisions.



Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate

Chickasaw classical composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate is dedicated to the development of American Indian classical composition.

His "lholba" (The Vision) was com-

missioned by the National Symphony Orchestra and premiered at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. in 2005. "lholba" and "Tracing Mississippi, Concerto for Flute and Orchestra," were recorded in 2007 by the San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Symphony Chorus.

That recording marked the first time a major American Symphony Orchestra and an American Indian composer have collaborated to record and release orchestral works. The recording is available on Thunderbird Records.

Mr. Tate has received numerous commissions and his works have been performed by the National Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Colorado Ballet, The New Mexico Symphony, the Contemporary Music Forum, Dale Warland Singers, the New Jersey Chamber Music Society and the Oklahoma City University Wind Philharmonic, to name a few.

Mr. Tate earned his bachelor's degree in music - piano performance from Northwestern University and completed his master's degree in piano performance and composition at the Cleveland Institute of Music.



Margaret Roach Wheeler

Chickasaw-Choctaw Margaret Roach Wheeler is an award-winning weaver, fiber expert, textile artist and designer.

She was one of four Native American fashion designers chosen to speak at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in Washington, D.C., and was also an NMAI Artist in Residence.

She has exhibited works at the Museum of Art and Design in New York, the National Museum of the American Indian and the Institute of the American Indian Arts, among many others.

Ms. Wheeler has won numerous

awards, including the President's Award at Red Earth Festival and Eiteljorg Indian Market Museum Purchase Award for the feather cape and kilt she designed for "Lowak Shoppala." She also won "Best of Class" at the Heard Museum Indian Fair and Market and placed first and second in textiles at the 2009 Southeastern Art Show and Market.

Formerly an educator, Ms. Wheeler is now owner/operator of her company, Mahota Handwovens, designing and marketing handwoven contemporary fashion, costumes and traditional Native American regalia.



Linda Hogan

Chickasaw poet, novelist, essayist, playwright and environmentalist Linda Hogan is one of Native American literature's most highly regarded women writers.

Her novel, "Mean Spirit," was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in 1990 and a winner of an Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction in 1991. Ms. Hogan was also awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas in 1998.

She was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2007. Last year, she was again a Pulitzer finalist for her novel, "People of the Whale," which was also a finalist for the Oklahoma Book Award.

She is also one of the authors of "Chickasaws: Unconquered and Unconquerable," the first book published by the Chickasaw Press.

Ms. Hogan has received numerous awards including: Writer of the Year (Creative Prose), Wordcraft Circle Award, 2002; Lifetime Achievement Award, Native Writers' Circle of the Americas, 1998; Colorado Book Award, 1996; Lannan Award, 1994; Colorado Book Award, 1993; Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction, 1991 Finalist, Pulitzer Prize for Literature, 1990; American Book Award, Before Columbus Foundation, 1986; Stand magazine Fiction Award, 1983; Five Civilized Tribes Play Writing Award, 1980.

Oklahoma Youth Orchestra

Composed of the most advanced high school musicians in the state, the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra is the flagship ensemble of the Guy Fraser Harrison Academy for the Performing Arts.

It has been conducted since 1992 by Dr. John Clinton, who is dean of the College of Arts, Media, and Design at the University of Central Oklahoma. For 27 years prior to his appointment at UCO, Dr. Clinton was the Director of Fine Arts for Norman Public Schools.

Dr. Clinton is a graduate of East Central (OK) University, received a master's degree in music education from the University of Oklahoma, and was awarded a Ph.D. in music education from the University of North Texas in 1991.

He has received numerous professional honors, including the 1994 University of Oklahoma School of Music Distinguished Alumni Fellow, Oklahoma String Teacher of the Year for 1995, the Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Music Education in 1996, and the Interscholastic Music Association's Outstanding Music Educator. Dr. Clinton is a member of the Oklahoma Music Educators Hall of Fame.

Cultural Center, hospital close to completion

Hello Everyone!
The Festival was a marvelous, wonderful happening! Of course, if you were there you know that! And if you didn't get to make it this year, start planning now for next year! You will have a great time – so much to see. From all our displaying artists and craftsmen to a tour of the magnificently restored capitol building as well as the old "Chickasaw White House."

Also adding a large sense of excitement this year was the preview of the Cultural Center at Sulphur. Rave reviews on this! In the not too distant future the Cultural Center will be joined in Sulphur by the new hotel/spa built to be reminiscent of the glamorous one of the past. It will be in the location of the old Sulphur Inn and will be a notable structure and a grand place for families to visit. It's off the drawing board and being prepared for presentation to the Legislature. We're all excited that it is finally going "to be!"

The hospital is now 80% complete and looking good! (Looking incredible!!). It is a half-mile from one end to the other. Maybe our appointments can be scheduled to keep us in a particular "zone" when we are there. Preparation of some of the rooms is already under-

way (the finish work, I mean). In all of Indian Health Service this hospital will be paramount. It is truly a wondrous thing! We are so fortunate. New personnel are already being lined up for when it is completed. The Legislature receives a regular report on the hospital and other facets of our health care from Dr. Judy Parker and we look forward to hearing from her. (And since until not so long ago she was one of us we especially are always happy to see her!).

The senior apartments being constructed on the old Carter Seminary grounds are under way. That is a good thing as the need is definitely present. They will be near the activity center and the nutrition site. Which reminds me – the swimming pool at the Ardmore site is at completion stage. This will be especially great for all our diabetic and arthritis patients.

We in the Chickasaw Nation continue to be greatly blessed and I wish good blessings for each of you on a personal level. Take care, all of you!

Linda Briggs

Court Advocate services now available for tribal citizens

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with their legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Senior Citizen Olympic Day at Tishomingo

Yakohe nitak ayukpa, (Happy Thanksgiving)
The month of November is known as a season to celebrate bounty and thanksgiving. It is also recognized as American Indian Heritage Month.

Investigate what activities are planned for your state or community to acknowledge this event. Let me know what you discovered.

Last month was a busy time for the Chickasaw Nation with the beginning of a new year, swearing in of new elected officials and various activities leading up to Festival. One event that was postponed

due to weather was the first annual Senior Citizens Olympic Day. On Monday, October 19th, while the temperature was right and the sun shining the postponed event was held. Seniors from various centers across the Nation, where invited to attend the event held at Pennington Park in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Representing the Achille Senior Center (and the Panola District), were Neva Hodge, Larry Skinner, Truman Marris and site director, Melba Love. The First Annual Senior Olympics offered many areas of competition. Archery, darts, football throw, dominoes, cards, endurance walk and my favorite the cow pie toss! Lunch and fellowship

rounded out the day. Thank you to all the Chickasaw Nation employees in the Aging Division, for hosting and working this event. It was a success.

Get involved-contact a Legislator and learn how you can be a vital part of this growing Nation!

It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it. Proverbs 10:22

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Neva Hodge of the Achille Senior Center participating in The First Annual Senior Olympics in Tishomingo.

Building our Chickasaw relationships important

Hello Everyone,
Seeing so many good Chickasaws made this year's Chickasaw Festival a truly memorable event!

Getting to visit face-to-face with people who traveled from places as far away as south Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, California, Washington state and even Alaska was a special treat. Traveling a great distance to attend is a gesture that symbolizes the high level of commitment to one's history, culture and fellow Chickasaws. No matter the distance traveled to attend the festival, attendance is a sign of commitment to be honored

by us, the elected officials, who serve all the Chickasaw people.

We Chickasaws have lots in common. When we gather together we laugh and talk. We tell stories, and we laugh and talk some more. Festival reminds me of when Chickasaws would come and sit on Grandma and Grandpa's north porch. They would talk Chickasaw, visit, tell stories and laugh. Those were good times and this year's festival was "good times" in the same kind of way.

I encourage you to continue to nurture your Chickasaw relationships and build new ones. Visit a Chickasaw elder. Call or text a Chickasaw friend. Attend community council meetings. If you don't have one

in our town, start one. Tap into the encouragement, strength and community that is immediately present when two or more Chickasaws get together!

Respectfully,
Katie

KATIE CASE

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Citizens At-Large Help Number

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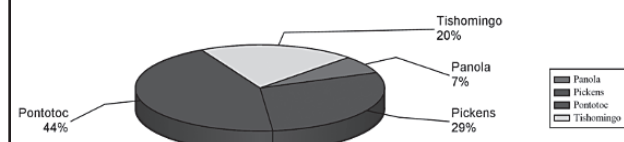
Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

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SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,675	Pontotoc	10,949
Pickens	7,155	Tishomingo	<u>4,991</u>
			24,770



Hospital work continues to be on schedule

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! It's that time of year that the woodlands give us a color show. The trees here in the Chickasaw Nation are starting to show lots of yellow, orange and brown in addition to green. We have had over eight inches of rain lately and several misty days and the weather is much cooler. The days are noticeably shorter now.

We have held the first regular session of Fiscal Year 2010. Our new Legislative Chairperson is Holly Easterling and Linda Briggs is the new Legislative Secretary. Doretta Sellers is again the Recording Secretary and Harold Stick continues as Sergeant-at-Arms. Doretta has been Recording Secretary since 1984 and Harold has been Sergeant-at-Arms since the early nineties. Doretta is also the oldest employee of the Legislature having been hired in 1984. She is the current Chief of Staff.



MARY JO GREEN

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Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Health Administrator, met with the Health Care Committee on October 5 and reported that Dr. Erica Sun is our new part-time Psychiatrist. Dr. Sun will be seeing patients at Carl Albert Hospital and will visit with patients in Tishomingo

and Ardmore via tele-psychiatry. Dr. Sun came on board on September 14 and we wish her a hearty "Welcome Aboard!"

Site work on the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Facility, including 750,000 square feet of concrete pavement and parking, is nearly complete. Roofing on the hospital, clinic and central plant is complete and a majority of exterior windows have been installed in the hospital. The building project continues to be on schedule.

The following are statistics for the month of September, 2009, (last year's statistics): Emergency Room and Same-day Clinic visits were 3,116 (3,700). September saw 309 surgeries (294) and 456 total surgery visits (423). The Family Practice Clinic in Ada and satellite clinics saw 3,888 patients total in September (3,873). Internal Medicine saw 372 patients (476), Pediatrics saw 964 patients (1,051) and OB/GYN saw 51 patients (48).

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Tribal legislators, justice sworn in



Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Colbert, right, administers the oath of office to Chickasaw tribal legislators, from left, David Woerz, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, D. Scott Colbert; Supreme Court Justice Barbara Anne Smith; and tribal legislator Shana Tate Hammond during Oath of Office ceremonies conducted Oct. 1.

ADA, Okla. - Five Chickasaw tribal legislators and one tribal Supreme Court justice were sworn into office Oct. 1 during ceremonies at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, Ada.

Nancy Elliott and Holly Easterling, both of Ada, David Woerz and Shana Tate Hammond, of Ardmore, and D. Scott Colbert, of Sulphur, were officially installed members Chickasaw Nation legislature. Supreme Court Justice Barbara Anne Smith, of Newcastle, was also sworn into office during the ceremony.

Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Colbert administered the oath of office.

Mrs. Elliott was elected to Pontotoc District Seat 2 during July's general election. That seat was vacated when legislator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker resigned to accept the appointment as administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health.

Mrs. Easterling was re-elected to Pontotoc District Seat 1.

David Woerz was re-elected to Pickens District Seat 1, and Mrs. Hammond was elected to the Pickens District Seat 4.

Mr. Colbert represents Tishomingo District Seat 1. He did not receive a challenger.

Each legislator is elected to a three-year term

Ms. Smith was re-affirmed to Seat 2 on the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court. She drew no challengers for the election.

The Chickasaw Nation Legislature is composed of 13 members elected from the Chickasaw Nation's four legislative districts: Panola, Pickens, Pontotoc and Tishomingo. The Chickasaw Legislature is structured much like the U.S. Legislature with scheduled sessions, committees, the formation of procedures and regulations, the approval of budgets and the establishment of law.

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Easterling elected Chickasaw Tribal Legislature chairman



HOLLY EASTERLING

Chickasaw
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Legislature

Holly Easterling will serve as chairman of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature for Fiscal Year 2010.

Mrs. Easterling was elected chairman by the 13-member Legislature during its September session. The tribe's fiscal year began Oct. 1.

Mrs. Easterling was re-elected to her Pontotoc District legislative seat in July. She is now in her third term as a tribal representative.

She is the immediate past chairman of the legislature's finance committee. As finance chairman, Mrs. Easterling oversees approval of the tribe's annual operating budget and tribal development projects, including the tribe's 370,000 square-foot medical center. The health care facility, set for 2010 completion, is located in Ada.

"It is a great honor to be elected to this position by my peers on the Legislature," Mrs. Easterling said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service to the Legislative Branch and, more importantly, to the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation whom I represent."

Mrs. Easterling is the great-granddaughter of Palmer

Simeon Mosely, who served as 20th and 23rd governor of the Chickasaw Nation. Gov. Mosely was elected to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2000.

Mrs. Easterling served as controller of the tribe's business division from 1996 to 2003. She is a certified public accountant and a graduate of Oklahoma State University.

Thank you!



SCOTT COLBERT

To the voters of Tishomingo District, please accept my sincere thanks for re-electing me your representative in the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature.

I am honored you have chosen me to serve. I look forward to the great future we and our future generations will enjoy.

Thank you!

24 elder portraits featured

'I'm Very Proud to be Chickasaw' elders exhibit opens in Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY - Nearly 250 people joined Gov. Bill Anoatubby to celebrate the opening of Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen's "I'm Very Proud to be Chickasaw" exhibit Oct. 8 at the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

"I'm Very Proud to be Chickasaw" is comprised of 24 paintings, each featuring a Chickasaw elder.

Mr. Larsen said the name came about because each of the elders made the remark "I am very proud to be Chickasaw."

This is the second set of paintings in the Chickasaw Living Elders Project commissioned by the Chickasaw Nation in 2004 to capture the tribe's elders on canvas. The first set, "They Know Who They Are," was unveiled in 2007.

During the reception, Gov. Anoatubby thanked the elders for being a "treasured cornerstone and foundation" of the Chickasaw Nation.

"Mike Larsen has enabled our elders to speak volumes about our tradition, spirit and culture without uttering a word," he said. "These paintings will inspire future generations and serve as an everlasting reminder of the strength and determination of the Chickasaw people."

Creating the series allowed Mr. Larsen and his wife, Martha, to spend hours interviewing and sketching each of the elders portrayed.

"During this time, I was invited into 48 different homes filled with history," Mr. Larsen said.

Each piece includes a title and brief description that convey the story and essence of the subject.

Glenda Galvan, featured in "Patron Saint of Children," is shown holding one of the 20 foster children she has cared for over the years.

"I am very humbled to be featured like this," Ms. Galvan said. "But I hope that this painting not only shows my pride as a Chickasaw, but also sends the message that so many children need someone."

Nearly all of the elders featured were able to be in attendance with their families.

Beverly Reynen joined her sisters to celebrate their mother, Irene Digby, and her portrait, "Cherished One."

"It's an honor for her to be shown like this," Mrs. Reynen said. "That's our mama. We know she's special and it feels great to know that others do too."

Mr. Larsen's artwork is a familiar sight in Oklahoma. Adorning the Oklahoma State Capitol Rotunda is "Flight of Spirit," a 26-foot mural of five world-famous Native American ballerinas. Also in the State Capitol is his breathtaking landscape featuring the sun-drenched Cimarron River, which was chosen in 2006 as the image for Oklahoma's Centennial postage stamp.

"I am Very Proud to be Chickasaw" will be on display through March 2010. The Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum is located at 1400 Classen Blvd.

For more information, contact the museum at (405) 235-2714.

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Glenda Galvan, left, a featured elder in Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen's "I am Very Proud to be Chickasaw" series, with Mike and Martha Larsen. "I am Very Proud to be Chickasaw," an exhibit that honors the elders of the Chickasaw Nation, opened Oct. 8 at the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.



'I am Very Proud to be Chickasaw' featured Elders

Juanita Tate	"She Knew My Father"
Kennedy Brown	"Indispensable"
Phillip Agnew	"Sober Indian"
Gene Thompson	"I'm so Proud to be Chickasaw"
Thelma "Chincie" L. Ross	"Code Talkers"
Mable Edna Smith	"She Whispered"
Bernard Courtney	"Water Bread and Water Gravy"
John Atkins	"Infant Boy Atkins"
Daisy Blackbird	"Our Oldest Citizen"
Marvin Mitchell	"Proud of his Sons"
Colbert Hackler	"The Fiddle Player"
Lenora Hobbs	"Elegant"
Weldon Fulsom	"How Turtle got its Shell"
Irene Digby	"Cherished One"
Glenda Galvan	"Patron Saint of Children"
Luther John	"Keeper of History"
Bob Wooley	"The Cattleman"
Beulah Shavney	"She Served Her Country"
Lorena Wooley	"Chilocco"
The Milligan Siblings	"Days of Hoover Hogs"
Zane Browning	"Too Tall"
Beatrice Barrick	"The Milkyway Girl"
Charles Blackwell	"Mr. Ambassador"
Catherine McGuire	"Memories of My Dad"

November brings comedy to Holba' Kana'li film series

ADA, Okla. - "Blue Gap Boy'z" by writer, director and producer Holt Hamilton will be the featured production for the Holba' Kana'li Film Series.

Each month, the series features an Indian film. The film is shown at the tribe's McSwain Theatre in Ada.

"Blue Gap Boy'z," the story of three brothers trying to form the greatest band that Blue Gap, Arizona has ever known.

Moviegoers will follow the brothers, James, Jessie and Jodie as they build their band and compete against other Native American bands for a chance to tour Europe.

The comedy is a bit removed from the drama of Hamilton's first film, "Turquoise Rose."

"I wanted to make a film that was fun, full of giggles and would leave people walking out of the theatres with spilled popcorn and sodas all over them from laughing so long," Hamilton said.

"Blue Gap Boy'z" stars three Navajo actors, Ernest David Tsosie III, Beau Benally and Vincent Craig. The movie was shot on the Navajo reservation in Blue Gap.

The movie will be shown Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the McSwain. Tick-



ets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door or by accessing www.mcswaintheatre.com

For more information, contact James Wallace at (580) 272-5520.

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'Reading is FUNdamental'

Sen. Paddack reads to Head Start kids

Oklahoma State Senator Susan Paddack attended a Chickasaw Nation Head Start "Reading is FUNdamental" event October 19 at the Ada Head Start center.

Sen. Paddack (D-Ada), whose district includes Ada, greeted the Head Start children and read two books favored by the students. She stressed the importance of reading and how it will greatly benefit opportunities in the future.

Sen. Paddack reminded the children to do lots of reading.

"If you can read, the whole world opens up to you," she said.

The Head Start is conducting events throughout the year in support of the "Read-



Senator Susan Paddack reads "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" to the Ada Head Start students during a Reading is FUNdamental event October 19.

ing is Fundamental" program. The 256 Head Start children read more than 31,820 books during the 2008-2009 school year.

Reading is FUNdamental is a national program that motivates and inspires children to

read by providing books and literacy resources for those children in need. For more information, contact Melissa Morgan at (580) 421-7711.

CONTRIBUTED BY Brooke Tidwell, Public Affairs

Head Start, Child Care students receive pumpkins from Landscaping Department

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start and Child Care students received approximately 600 pumpkins from the tribal Landscaping Department on September 30. The Child Development Center in Ada received 150 pumpkins,

and pumpkins were distributed to the 264 Head Start students in the Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo centers.

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Chickasaw Farms director Karla Windy Boy, right, delivers pumpkins to Head Start students Natalia Jackson, Isaiah Jackson, Blake Vick and Paulina Gee-Hicks.



Tribal enterprises end fiscal year with robust net income

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government cap- tion includes the tribe's gen- eral fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/ or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the busi- nesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mis- sion of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal oper- ation, other than the transfer from businesses, include mo- tor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chicka- saw Businesses revenues in- clude gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. Gen- eral government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expendi- ture for education includes education scholarship as

well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, pre- scription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming oper- ation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending Sep- tember 30, 2009

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$162.3 million year-to-date. Expendi- tures were \$8.6 million for the month and \$79.0 million year- to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$120.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming priz- es for September totaled \$70 million and \$856 million year- to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Govern- ment was \$20 million for the month and \$280 million year- to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was

\$84.0 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At September 30, 2009, the tribal government funds had

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2009

Revenues	
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$
Total funds available	
Expenditures	
General government	
Legislature	
Judiciary	
Education	
Heritage Preservation	
Health	
Youth and Family Services	
Nutrition Programs	
Regulatory	
Assistance Programs	
Transfer to Loan Program	
Gaming expense	
Other businesses' expense	
Total expenditures	
Increase in net assets	
Beginning net assets	
Ending net assets	

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets September 30, 2009

Cash and Investments	\$
Receivables	
Inventory	
Prepaid expenses	
Other Assets	
Fixed assets	
Less payables	
Net Assets	

\$132 million in cash and in- vestments. Of this amount, \$16.8 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal pro- gram funds.

The businesses had \$134 mil- lion in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts

payable and business opera- tions.

As of September 30, 2009, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$872 mil- lion compared to \$755 mil- lion at January 31, 2009 or an increase of \$117 million.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
	\$ 8,244,830	856,760,905	865,005,735
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	154,074,816	(154,074,816)	0
Total funds available	162,319,646	702,686,089	865,005,735
Expenditures			
General government	9,394,729		9,394,729
Legislature	1,973,388		1,973,388
Judiciary	851,745		851,745
Education	16,950,470		16,950,470
Heritage Preservation	6,050,545		6,050,545
Health	15,133,207		15,133,207
Youth and Family Services	6,717,954		6,717,954
Nutrition Programs	4,091,618		4,091,618
Regulatory	5,630,701		5,630,701
Assistance Programs	12,275,781		12,275,781
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		472,771,355	472,771,355
Other businesses' expense		144,918,130	144,918,130
Total expenditures	79,070,138	617,689,485	696,759,622
Increase in net assets	83,249,508	84,996,604	168,246,113
Beginning net assets	291,958,811	412,247,737	704,206,548
Ending net assets	\$ 375,208,319	497,244,342	872,452,661
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets September 30, 2009			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 132,278,017	134,836,976	267,114,993
Receivables	496,788	26,802,582	27,299,370
Inventory		5,493,109	5,493,109
Prepaid expenses		10,358,224	10,358,224
Other Assets		82,791,604	82,791,604
Fixed assets	242,646,190	413,814,489	656,460,679
Less payables	(212,676)	(176,852,643)	(177,065,319)
Net Assets	\$ 375,208,319	497,244,342	872,452,661

Making a positive impact during Iraq tours

Chickasaw brothers honored with Bronze Stars

Chickasaw brothers Jay and Mike Mitchell value their time together so much that they weren't going to let a little enemy gunfire from Iraqi insurgents spoil their fun.

"We were out hitting golf balls one day and there is a tower out there probably 200 meters away and it comes under direct fire," Jay said. "We kind of look around and say..." Jay continued before Mike interjected "are they shooting at us?"

Jay finished, "I guess they're not shooting at us, so we just keep hitting golf balls," as they both chuckled.

"Any other place in the world you hear fire like that and you would run into a building, but over time, you get used to it," Jay said. "You assess the situation and say 'ok we are not in harm's way,' and go ahead do what you were doing."

Oklahoma Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jay Mitchell and Major Mike Mitchell share more than close family ties. Both men earned Bronze Stars for service in Iraq during their deployment from January through Oct. 2008.

The Bronze Star is awarded by the U.S. Armed Forces for bravery, acts of merit or meritorious service.

Maj. Mitchell was honored for his role as S-3 Operations Officer overseeing the only high value detention facility in Iraq. That facility held the most notorious and dangerous detainees in U.S. custody in Iraq.

These detainees, who were being held on behalf of the Iraqi government, were highly valued as potential sources of information.

"They couldn't put them in the general population," said Maj. Mitchell. "So they needed a place they could put these guys where they could interact with the intelligence community."

"I was responsible for the security and welfare of those detainees. We treated every detainee with dignity and respect. We drove down to our soldiers to be sure they upheld the highest level or standard of conduct. Under my command's watch, we didn't have any issues."

Maj. Mitchell was also responsible for the safety of the soldiers under his command.

"We brought every one home we took over there," he said.

A system for tracking inventory of all detainees in Iraq helped Chief Warrant Officer Jay Mitchell earn the Bronze Star. That system enabled the pentagon to match each of more than 300,000 pieces of property with an individual detainee.

As an Information Technology expert, Chief Warrant Officer Mitchell was able to identify a programmable interface chip, known as a "PIC" used to activate improvised Explosive Devices.

"Being an IT guy, I knew what it was and I called up



Chief Warrant Officer Jay Mitchell, left and Major Mike Mitchell.

some of the explosive guys - the EOD guys - and they came in and looked at it," he said. "We actually found the device in time."

Chief Warrant Officer Mitchell was also honored for his role in developing a detainee work program. Men in the woodworking program he developed actually built playground equipment used on the detention facility operated by his brother, Maj. Mitchell.

"We were able to engage with the woodworking program Jay developed and they were able to build a playground facility for the children to play on

while the adults were able to meet with their detainees," said Maj. Mitchell. "It is part of winning hearts and minds."

"We still had to be able to react on a moment's notice. We didn't let our guard down, but we didn't have to be stone cold."

While the brothers were both deployed as part of the 45th Infantry Brigade combat team, they were part of different teams. By chance, they were stationed in close proximity.

Even though they lived approximately 100 yards apart, they had to make an effort to spend time together.

"Our paths would cross occasionally during working hours," said Maj. Mitchell. "We were working 14, 16 hours a day. It was hard to see each other. But as best we could we would try to see each other once a week."

"It was very comforting to know I had my brother there. And that I had Jay there to talk to, even if it was 10 minutes to walk across the street to get a haircut or go eat."

A family history of military service and Chickasaw tradition help keep the brothers maintain close ties.

"Our Dad spent 33 years in the Oklahoma National Guard," said Maj. Mitchell. "He retired as a master sergeant. His younger brother was a lieutenant in the Ok Guard. His older brother had a history of service in the Air Force. We joined not because of pressure, but because we felt a calling or a sense of duty - this is what we are supposed to do."

Chief Warrant Officer Mitchell said that he has always been proud to be Chickasaw.

"I've always wanted to be around Chickasaw people," he said. "I've always wanted to work for the tribe. I've had offers to go other places, and I just don't. It's where I need to be."

Maj. Mitchell said that Chickasaw leaders have left a lasting legacy.

"I think about in our family, my great-great-grandfather, Edmond Pickens and the challenges he faced of establishing Chickasaw culture and a way of life in the Chickasaw boundaries."

"My grandmother was one of the first females to

attend Bloomfield Academy. She had to find within herself to leave her family and attend Bloomfield Academy."

"My father was one of the first to receive an Indian scholarship issued by the Indian education department by Overton James, when he managed Indian Education prior to becoming Chickasaw Nation governor."

"There is a lot of history that we've grown up with that we draw upon - The leaders that have come before us and the culture and the heritage and that true entrepreneurial spirit of thinking through the different situations and the challenges we face. We think back and go 'you know this is who we are and this is what we're supposed to do.'"

Chief Warrant Officer Mitchell added that he took a Chickasaw flag everywhere he was stationed.

"The flag always went with me and every place I stopped, one of the first items I put up was the flag," he said. "I remember when we went to Kuwait. As soon as we landed the first thing that went up was the flag behind me on the cot. It means something to me."

"Where I worked I had FBI agents, Secret Service agents and generals (would come to visit). Beside my desk was the Chickasaw flag hanging up and they'd always ask me what it was and it made me feel great to tell them 'hey, this is the history of who we are - the unconquered and unconquerable tribe.'"

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Chief Warrant Officer Jay Mitchell, left, and Major Mike Mitchell raise the Chickasaw flag in Iraq.

Helping young Chickasaws develop skills of a leader

Chickasaw Leadership program attracting returnees, newcomers

GiGi Bridgman came prepared for the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Leadership Chickasaw) program Survivor Challenge retreat.

The 17-year-old brought all the essential beauty items most young women need: a blow dryer, a curling iron, shampoo and make-up.

The only problem - the group "roughed it" and camped in tents on the grasslands of the Chickasaw Ranch, near Davis, Okla.

"When I got here I was looking for the cabins, she said, with a laugh.

"I didn't bring a sleeping bag, either, just a blanket and a pillow."

GiGi, of Marlow, Okla., was one of 11 young Chickasaw students to attend the Survivor Challenge retreat, conducted over area schools' fall break, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16-17.

She didn't let a little miscommunication and lack of electricity spoil her fun, though.

"I built a tent and tried skeet shooting for the first time," she said.

The Marlow resident is a returning Leadership Chickasaw member, and is looking forward to the year ahead.

So is Jared Alexander. The Latta High School student said the trips taken last year were the high point of the program and he enjoyed getting to know his peers.

"I am ready for this year to start," Jared said.

Autumn Underwood, a Latta High School student, is excited to being a new Leadership Chickasaw member.

"I am looking forward to learning new things and doing things I have never done before," she said.

Autumn said she always is eager to help out in her com-

munity.

Fourteen-year-old Chase Horton, of Ada, is eligible for the program for the first time this year. He said he was looking forward to learning more about what it takes to become a leader.

During the retreat, campers divided into teams and participated in challenges, including chili cook off, skeet shooting, archery, fishing, tent building, and relay races.

The team of Catie Newport, Jared Alexander and Shelby Parnacher earned the most points and was named the Best Overall Team at the close of the retreat.

The group's next meeting is set for Nov. 14 in Ada. "Leadership in Your Community" is the topic of the November session.

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Catie Newport, of Ada, baits a hook during the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program (Leadership Chickasaw) Survivor Challenge retreat at the Chickasaw Ranch near Davis.

Young Chickasaw man finds new skills through leadership program

Visits to Washington, D.C., the Oklahoma state Capitol and the headquarters of several tribal nations have made a difference in the life of Dickson, Okla., native Chance Brown.

These trips are part of the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program (Leadership Chickasaw), an innovative program designed to develop leadership skills.

In addition to experiencing new places and sites, Chance learned better communication, presentation, leadership and teamwork skills as a member of Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program.

"I was told when I first entered the group I was more reserved," said Chance. "The (tribal) youth council and the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Youth Program had a large influence on the person I am today."

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi targets young Chickasaw men and women who strive to become tomorrow's leaders and gives them the tools to succeed.

Through the 12-month series, students can explore career opportunities, leadership qualities and characteristics,

Native American culture, ethics, and other topics.

"Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi members learn about different cultures and vital life skills to help them grow and become resourceful young adults," said Tonya Bierce, program coordinator.

Chance is now a student at Ardmore Higher Education Center in Ardmore, Okla., studying studio art. He says he appreciates the opportunities and insight he received as a member of the program.

"The leadership program is something that I will not forget and I hope that everyone considering applying or re-applying will take the opportunity, he said.

"I'm very fortunate to have been a part of the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Youth Program, especially in its first year."

"I can't thank the Chickasaw Nation enough," he said.

Chance is the 19-year-old son of Kelvin Bates and Peggy Brawley.

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Chance Brown



Nacobi Walker, Zack Stepps and Chenoa Cummings, from left, enjoy some downtime at the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw leaders) Survivor retreat. The retreat was last month at the Chickasaw Ranch, near Davis. The retreat kicks off a year of leadership sessions for the students.

About the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program...

Leadership, small business, a writer's workshop, college day, ethics and etiquette are all topics planned for the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program 2009-2010 session.

The group will meet one Saturday a month for 12 months. Lunch is provided.

Cultural aspects including learning Chickasaw language, Chickasaw history and the different creative crafts that Chickasaw people have developed over the years will also be studied.

Included on the itinerary are tours of the Oklahoma State Capitol and visits with state officials

and trips to other tribal headquarters.

A final, out-of-state tour is planned for the end of the session.

Students will also have a class project which will involve community service and/or a fund raiser.

Applications are accepted year-round.

For more information about CAIP, contact Tonya Bierce, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620 or email tonya.bierce@chickasaw.net.

Jay Keel honored



Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services administrator Jay Keel, left, is honored as an Outstanding American by the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame last month. Mr. Keel, of Ada, is the sole recipient of the 2009 state award which honors those who have applied characteristics learned in the sport to launch notable careers. Mr. Keel has worked for 16 years establishing the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division, serving as division administrator since 1995. Presenting Mr. Keel the award is former U.S. Ambassador Ed Corr, the 2006 Oklahoma Chapter Outstanding American.

Child care pros urged to 'branch out,' engage new techniques



Keynote speaker Mary Jo Huff discusses learning techniques for childhood education during the child care conference October 17 at East Central University.

ADA, Okla. - The sixth annual Chickasaw Nation Child Care Conference was October 17 at East Central University. The conference theme was "Safari So Good." About 150 child care professionals attended.

The conference is an informational and motivational seminar for child care professionals. The conference

consisted of several information sessions including baby talk, parent teacher communications, healthy snacks, dual language learning, behavior and guidance and more.

Award-winning children's author Mary Jo Huff was keynote speaker. Ms. Huff conducted

an interactive presentation motivating child care professionals to branch out and learn new childhood teaching techniques.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Department, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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LT. GOV. KEEL

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health care, education, housing and land into trust issues," Lt. Gov. Keel said. "There are funding issues and there are policy issues, but these are all issues that can be resolved thoughtfully and with positive impacts for Indian people."

Lt. Gov. Keel has recently provided testimony before Congressional committees regarding reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The Act has been temporarily funded each year since 1999. Attempts to reauthorize the Act have run into roadblocks.

"I believe we will get the Act reauthorized as part of American health care reform," Lt. Gov. Keel said. "Once reauthorization occurs, it opens the door for modernization of Indian health care and improvement in patient outcomes."

Placing land into trust with the federal government, Lt. Gov. Keel said, has become a huge issue with tribes across the country.

"There are applications to place land into trust that have been sitting in limbo for years," he said. "We must get the process moving. Land into trust helps not only Indian tribes, but also the surrounding communities."

Indian education and housing, Lt. Gov. Keel said, continue to lag behind the country in general and must be upgraded if more Indian people are to have access to good careers and homes.

"I think one of the biggest jobs I will have as NCAI president is enlightening the American public and decision-makers regarding Indian issues," Lt. Gov. Keel said. "It's imperative that we make our message clear and compelling. The tribes have so much to offer, and we simply need to be sure people understand that."

The NCAI, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is the oldest and largest national Indian organization. The executive board is comprised of elected tribal leaders from each of the 12 regions of the country. NCAI retains permanent highly qualified staff to advocate on behalf of all Indian tribes, and to help shape federal Indian policy on all issues that affect American Indian and Alaska Native people.



Chipota Chikashshanompoli member Trenton Way tries to master Chitwood Farm's Hay Maze at the Language Club's October meeting.

Keeping language alive

Chickasaw in the Fall

"Fall Harvest Day" is the theme for the November meeting of Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw).

Chipota meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life. One Saturday each month club members meet to learn the Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that incorporates Chickasaw words.

Club meetings are open to all children ages three to 12 who are interested in learning the

Chickasaw language.

"Fall Harvest Day" is set for Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Central Church of Christ Family Life Center located at 820 Stadium Drive, Ada, OK. Participants will learn Chickasaw words associated with the season.

To join Chipota Chikashshanompoli or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Rachel Wedlow at (580) 436-2603, rachel.wedlow@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/cc.

Chickasaw Press to host holiday sale

Books published by the Chickasaw Press will be available at a 20% discount at the Chickasaw Press Holiday Sales Event Friday, Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

Several authors will be on hand to sign copies of their work. Door prizes and holiday refreshments will also be available.

Other merchandise, including t-shirts, posters and bookmarks will be sold at this one-

day-only discounted holiday rate.

The Chickasaw Press is a Chickasaw Nation publishing company that brings Chickasaw history and culture to the reading public in book form.

For more information, contact Kevin Scrivner, Chickasaw Press Publicity and Marketing Representative at (580) 436-2603 or visit www.chickasawpress.com.

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New Releases

"Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art"

A biography of the internationally acclaimed Potawatomi artist, musician and dancer by Robert Perry.

"Chickasaw Lives, Volume Two: Profiles and Oral Histories"

A follow-up to "Chickasaw

Lives, Volume One: Readings in Tribal History" by Tribal Historian Richard Green

"A Nation in Transition: Douglas Henry Johnston and the Chickasaws, 1898-1939"

Chronicles of the life of important Chickasaw leader and Governor of the Chickasaw Nation Douglas Johnston.

Young mom discovers nursing opportunity through tribal School to Work program

Being a mother of three, a full-time student and holding down a full-time job made Amy Eddy's life very hectic.

After she applied for the Chickasaw Nation School to Work program, her life changed for the better.

Today, the Murray State (OK) College sophomore is pursuing a career in nursing and receiving vital on-the-job Training at the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic in Tishomingo.

Placement at the tribal health facility is preparing Eddy for a career in nursing. It will also give her the experience she needs to succeed in the competitive Murray State nursing

program.

She manages to maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average, and still has quality time to spend with her family.

"The School to Work program allows me to have more family time by working around my school schedule," she said.

The program also helps her meet her financial needs and educational goals.

"It is programs like these that make me proud to be a Chickasaw citizen," she said.

Upon graduation, Eddy would like to work in either labor and delivery or medical surgical unit.

She lives in Sulphur, Okla.,



Amy Eddy

with her children.

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School to Work program

The School to Work program helps both traditional and non-traditional Chickasaw students complete their educations while maintaining employment through an On-the-Job Training program.

Students accepted in the program attend class and work in an internship program, typically in an area associated with their field of study. Students are considered employees and receive a paycheck and benefits for

their efforts.

For more information about the School to Work program, contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada or Don Mose in Ardmore at (580) 222-2839.

TRAIL program puts pouth on the path to diabetes prevention

Students in the Chickasaw Nation will discover the path to a healthy lifestyle through the On the Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life (TRAIL) to Diabetes Prevention program.

TRAIL, a 12-week national diabetes prevention program, is offered at the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club of Sulphur, Okla.

The program's mission is to reduce the onset of diabetes among Native American youth. Physical, educational and nutritional activities that promote healthy lifestyles are key to the program.

Chickasaw Nation TRAIL coordinator Colt Digby said students draw from tribal traditions and history to learn about nutrition, food choices and the impact of diabetes. They also learn to apply decision making and goal setting skills. Stu-

dents engage in service projects to improve healthy lifestyles in their communities.

"Throughout the program, self-esteem, prevention activities, community and family involvement are encouraged," Digby said. "The students who are going through the program are very motivated and love to interact about what we have learned as a group."

The Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club of Sulphur is one of 40 grant recipients to participate in the TRAIL initiative. The program is made possible through a partnership of the U.S. Indian Health Service, National Congress of American Indians, Boys and Girls Club of America and Nike, Inc.

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Aubrey Sartors, of Sulphur, Okla., creates a pine cone bird feeder with the help of McKae Martinez.



A large pumpkin patch allowed participants to select their own harvest decorations.

Harvest Fest, October 17 at the Chickasaw White House



Children pile into the horse-drawn buggy for a ride around the Chickasaw White House grounds.



Harvest Fest participants enjoyed chuck wagon-style coffee, biscuits and cobbler.

BIRTHS



Macy Lee Elizabeth Parks

Preston Brown and Rowdy Parks announce the birth of their little sister, **Macy Lee Elizabeth Parks**. Macy was born Aug. 27, 2009 at Valley View Regional Hospital, Ada, Okla. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 20 inches.

Macy is the daughter of Randy and Jennifer Parks, of Ada, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Herb and Julie Darras, of Ada, Kathy Prentice, of Allen, Okla., and Sue Parks, of Wilson, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Lorene Prentice, of Allen.



Vera Mae Bell

Vera Mae Bell was born May 22, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs., 11.5 oz, and measured 19 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Doug Bell and Tracy Miller-Bell. Her big brother is Avery.

She is the granddaughter of Peggy (McAfee) Bell, formerly of Sulphur, Okla.



Isabella Jaide Dorsey

Isabella Jaide Dorsey was born Sept. 1, 2009 at 11:28 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Nathaniel and Sunnie Dorsey, and the sister to Joshua David, Joseph Tyler, Dillan Michael and Kasen Brent Dorsey, all of Wilson, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Keith and Becky Adams, of Wilson, Dusty and Michele Weatherford, of Jimtown, Okla., Tex and Lynda Dorsey, of Medford, Ore., and Linda Dorsey, of Hemet, Calif.

She is the great-granddaughter of Stan and Betty Lach, the late Tommy Apala, Joe and Jean Boswell, the late Red Weatherford, and Paul and Loretta Richter, of Winchester, Calif.



Emilee Alicean Thomas

Emilee Alicean Thomas turned one year old Oct. 18, 2009. She celebrated with two birthday parties, one in Texas with her maternal family and one in Durant, Okla., with her family and friends.

Emilee is the daughter of Michael W. Thomas, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Melissa R. Chapman, of Durant.

She is a descendant of Zelda Marie Perry and W.W. Wilson, Daugherty Colbert and Silsey Ibbahfoquatubby.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Nick Roberts

All-State linebacker now passing on lessons to junior high players

Hard work, dedication and perseverance have been rewarded with a selection to the All-State Football team for a Westmoore (OK) High School athlete.

Nick Roberts was the only student to earn a late nomination to the All-State team in 2009. He earned his spot on the All-State team through an outstanding performance in the Jim Thorpe All-Star game, as well as his regular season play.

Roberts' senior year of high school football was successful and victorious, but it didn't start out that way. Just four years before, Roberts wasn't even sure he wanted to continue his football career.

Roberts had played football since he was six years old and was becoming burnt out. He doubted his ability to play varsity football, his grades were suffering, his life was in chaos with his father not at home and personal relationships were causing him to suffer daily.

Two years passed before there was a breakthrough in his life.

The spring before his junior year, Roberts and his father had recovered their relationship. His father beginning to take part once again doing everything he could to prepare Roberts physically for the games.

Roberts' mother took the lead in other aspects of his life. She helped him heal his troubled mind through faith in God and an unbreakable bond they both shared.

"At the start of his junior year, Nick's confidence and positive mentality broke through and if anyone hadn't known him before, they absolutely knew who he was at the end of his junior year," said his father, Robin Roberts.

After a successful junior year, Roberts returned for his senior year. He played linebacker and was named captain of the Westmoore varsity football team.

Starting his senior year in spectacular form, Roberts led the season off with the opening touchdown and an eighth consecutive win against arch rival Moore High School.

"The 'Moore War' is the highly anticipated first game of the season, the one that players and students look forward to and Nick had never been more determined, focused and mentally prepared than he was at that moment," said his sister, Journi Roberts.

Hoping the victory over Moore was a sign of good things to come, Roberts plunged into the rest of the season with high spirits. The celebration was short lived.

In the second game of the season, Roberts injured his knee leaving him sidelined for the game. Before the start of the next game, Roberts was sidelined with a case of shingles.

Westmoore lost two games in a row without Roberts. He returned to play in the fourth week of the season still only about 50 percent. Playing injured, Roberts managed three sacks and several tackles.

During the fifth game of the season Roberts finally was returning to full strength when he suffered a concussion.

Through all the adversity and mishaps, Roberts' levelheadedness and determination to persevere help him fight through to lead Westmoore into a winning streak during week six that led to the playoffs.

Though the season ended with the first game of the playoffs, Roberts remembers looking forward with enthusiasm, hoping to be named in the All-State honorable mention.

"I was upset when I found out I didn't make the All-State team, but a few weeks later I was thrilled to find out I was invited to be an All-Star player in the Jim Thorpe game," said Roberts.

Roberts, playing in what figured to be the last game of his high school career, had an outstanding performance leading the defense with several tackles in the Jim Thorpe game.

Roberts' performance resulted in a late nomination as the starting linebacker of the All-State team.

"I was surprised and honored by being admitted late as a starting linebacker on the All-State team," he said. "It was a long awaited but I was overjoyed, it was a great experience to be able to play in the All-State game."

Starting in the 2009 All-State game at linebacker, Roberts turned in another impressive performance to finish out his high school career ending a journey that started four years earlier with doubt in his ability but an overriding will to succeed over the circumstances he faced.

A highly respected student by his teachers and peers, Roberts was also nominated for Masonic Student of the Year and voted "Mr. WHS" by popular vote of the student population.

Roberts is now passing on his knowledge and skill coaching junior high football while pursuing his own future.

"Nick is a true testament that says miracles do happen," Robin Roberts said. "Coming from a broken home and a broken life is nothing extraordinary, but no one was created to kneel to their circumstances. Despite his trials and despite his errors, Nick had a faith that told him God had something better for him than defeat."

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Marcus Tartasah

Chickasaw officer graduates from CLEET

Marcus Lee Tartasah, a Chickasaw citizen, graduated from the Council on Law Enforcement Education Training (CLEET) class A0904 on October 16, 2009.

Mr. Tartasah was honored to receive a certificate for Outstanding Leadership in Class Color Guard and to be one of the members to present the colors at graduation.

Mr. Tartasah is currently employed by the Enid Police Department, Enid, Okla.

He is the son of Vicky and Bill Gold, of Ada, Okla., and Buddy Tartasah, of Ada.

He is the brother of Melissa and Scott Morgan, of Roff, Okla., and Rachael and Derek Collins, of Tishomingo, Okla. He has one nephew, Garrett Morgan.



Alia Shaw

Chickasaw girl named Jr. Miss Salt River

13-year-old Alia Phyre Shaw, (O'Odham, Piipaash, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Lakota) a member of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, was recently crowned as the new Junior Miss Salt River, 2009-

2010.

Alia's mother Shanon Shaw; her sisters, Jennifer and Michelle Kellner; her grandparents, David and Marilyn Kellner; and great-grandmother Tonopah Colbert are all Chickasaw citizens. They are all very proud of Alia's achievements.

Alia was one of three contestants, ranging in age from 13 to 16 years. The contestants had to write 300-word essay on the theme of "O'Odham/ Piipaash Womanhood Survives by Carrying on Traditions."

They also had to write their own introduction and participate in three events, business attire section, the talent portion and the traditional dress section where they had to recite their essay by memory. Alia received all three awards given in the pageant; Miss Congeniality, Best Essay and Best Talent. Alia sang "God Bless America" in the O'Odham language.

Alia is an eighth-grader at Salt River High School. She enjoys volleyball, softball and her favorite sport is basketball. She is also a certified SCUBA diver and underwater photographer.

Alia is a member of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, Young River Peoples Council and the SRACCY Youth Conference Committee. She is interested in learning more about the workings of the community and tribal government.

Alia enjoys learning traditional songs and basket dancing with the Salt River Traditional Dancers, where she has been a member for two years.

Alia hopes to encourage other young women to follow in her footsteps and challenge themselves. She is honored to be Junior Miss Salt River; and is very excited for what lies ahead of me during my rein this year!



Chelsea Wedlow

Little Miss Chickasaw Chelsea Wedlow shares farewell message

Chokma...Sa holhchifo ut... Chelsea Wedlow...Chikashsha saya himmaka nittaka chokma! Hello my name is Chelsea Wedlow, I'm Chickasaw and it's a great day!

One year ago on my Aunt Wee's birthday I was crowned Little Miss. I am the third girl in my family to hold the title of a Chickasaw princess. While traveling to different events I enjoyed singing and playing slug bug with Carla and Julie. I was busy this past year performing the Lord's Prayer, going to Head Start graduations and riding in parades. I'm glad I was able to attend the Dream Catchers pow-wow in Ardmore, the Gathering of the Nations pow-wow in New Mexico and Red Earth pow-wow in Oklahoma City. I also had fun at all the Christmas parties and other Chickasaw Nation events. Becka my journey doll and I have taken tons of pictures, shook hands with a lot of important people and met some beautiful tribal princesses.

I have many people I need to thank for this past year that helped me be the best princess I could be. I've learned a lot of things about being a princess too. My Granny, Auntie Summer and Aunt Les told me it was very important to smile, even when I was tired or hot, because it's an honor to be a princess. Tara, a former princess told me the importance of my handshake, she said no

wet noodle handshakes, be proud and let people know I'm a strong Chickasaw lady. To Ms Doretta, Robert, Ms Shelly, Ms Susan and Liz Brewer thank you for the gifts and always having kind words of encouragement.

Thank you to my momma and daddy for just being proud of ME...the little girl who sometimes talks too much and asks a lot of questions.

Thank you to Granny, Paw, Grandfather, Nana, Poppa, all my Aunts, Uncles and cousins both big and small for always cheering the loudest no matter what activity I'm involved in.

Thank you to my cousin Mikey and my brother Thirkiel for reminding me do what is right even when I wanted to take the easy way out.

Thank you to Ms. Sappenfield and the teachers at Allen school for working with my princess schedule.

Thank you to Mr. Danny for letting my momma leave work early to make sure I made it to my events on time.

Thank you to my princess coordinators for driving me to the events, keeping my dress cleaned and my crown polished.

Thank you to Julie for checking my math homework when I took it on our trips.

Thank you to Carla for always answering my text messages no matter how silly or misspelled the words might have been.

Thank you to my church family for praying for me to be safe while on my travels.

I'm sure I've left some people off this list but we will need to let other people talk too. So thank you to everyone I may have been in contact with during my reign as princess.

To the girls that are competing for the crown tonight, good luck and enjoy the memories and friendships you are making.

In closing to the people of the Chickasaw Nation I want you to know I have done my best to be a princess you can be proud of. I have been a princess who has taken my role as ambassador seriously. I am a princess who stood tall while representing the people of the Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

Che'Hollo Li anoa

Chi'pisa'lacho...I love you and until I see you again,

I am Chelsea "Sissy" Wedlow your 2008 - 2009 Little Miss Chickasaw Princess.



Robin Ray

Chickasaw runner hitting her stride for Cowley College

A Chickasaw runner is helping her college team get off to a fast start this season. Robin Factor Ray, a sophomore at Cowley (KS) College, finished second overall in the season's first race with a time of 12:11.83. Her time helped Cowley take first place in the meet over traditional power Butler (KS) Community College.

"Robin stepped up and raced really well," Cowley cross country coach Vince DeGrado said.

In the following meet - the Missouri Southern Stampede - Ray placed 28th out of a total of 359 runners with a three-mile time of 18:40.36.

"Robin is having a great year," coach DeGrado said.

Ray is on the Dean's List at Cowley and plans to become a physician.

She is the daughter of Lawrence Loy Factor, Jr. Her sister is Dixie Factor Ray.

Robin Ray is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee the late Anna Holden Factor. She is the great niece of the late Geraldine Greenwood.

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Amanda Gabehart feeding fruit juice from a butterfly bait bag to a White-Tailed Hillstar Hummingbird this summer. It is unusual to see this bird on the rainforest floor as it lives off the nectar of flowers that grow near the canopy.

Amanda Gabehart back from study in Peru

A Chickasaw student has recently returned from studying in Peru.

Amanda Gabehart, a Central Connecticut State University student, studied biodiversity in the Peruvian Amazon. She and her classmates also climbed the Inca ruins along a stone foot path between Cuzco and Macchu Pichu. The area is known as Sun Gate.

Ms. Gabehart is grateful to the people of Chickasaw Nation Education Services, and to the tribe as a whole, for giving her the tools she needed to make a college education accessible.

Ms. Gabehart is the great-granddaughter of the late Jesse Mae Thomas, an original enrollee.



Matthew Chesnut

Chickasaw graduates from business school

A Chickasaw student has recently graduated from business school.

Matthew Chesnut is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Arkansas Walton School of Business. He was also honored for submitting the Outstanding Senior Thesis.

Mr. Chesnut now works for Bank of Oklahoma.



Michael Chesnut

Pepperdine student studying in Switzerland

A Chickasaw student is studying in Europe as part of his college's International Studies program.

Michael Chesnut is a sophomore at Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif. During the 2009-2010 school year, he is studying in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Mr. Chesnut is on the President's List and has been inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.



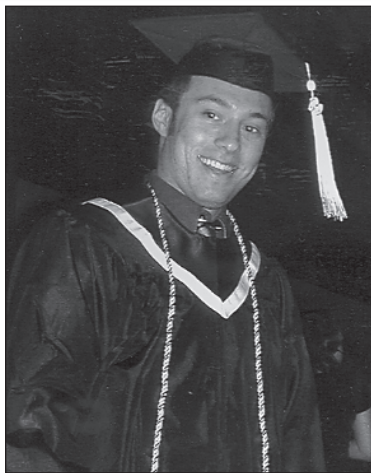
Mark Chesnut

Mark Chesnut fulfilling academics, athletics at Oklahoma State

A Chickasaw college athlete is competing on the field and in the classroom.

Mark Chesnut is an Oklahoma State University junior pursuing a degree in business. He is also an offensive lineman on the Oklahoma State Cowboy football team.

Mr. Chesnut has recently been honored with the Arthur Ashe Athlete/Scholar Award. He has been accepted to the Oklahoma State University School of Business master's program.



Colin Chelberg

Colin Chelberg earns bachelor's at OCU

Colin Edward Chelberg, a Chickasaw, has recently graduated from Oklahoma City University.

Mr. Chelberg received a bachelor's degree in fine arts with emphasis on film business and production.

He is a 2004 graduate of Oklahoma City's Bishop McGuinness High School and attended Drew University.

He is the son of Jaime Hampton. He has a brother, Jonathon Chelberg, a Seattle Art Institute student, and a sister, Kira, a University of Tulsa senior.

Mr. Chelberg is the grandson of James W. Hampton, M.D., a Chickasaw, and the Rev. Cannon Carl Hampton, a Caddo and an Episcopal priest.

His maternal great-grandfather was Hollis E. Hampton, a Chickasaw.

His great-great-grandmother was Mary Sheco Cravens of the Panola District who lived in Yarnaby, Indian Territory. She was the niece of Jonas Wolf, a Chickasaw governor.

Master swimmer helps set relay record

A Chickasaw master swimmer helped set a new record with a swim relay team.

Rebecca Perry, of Oakland, Calif., is a member of the Manatee Aquatic Masters Club of Oakland. She was part of a mixed relay team that set a masters world record in the 800-meter freestyle with a time of 10:05.60.

In the masters division, relay teams have two male and two female swimmers. The total of the ages of the swimmers must be between 200 and 239. All swimmers must be older than 25.

Ms. Perry is the daughter of Robert Perry, of Ada, Okla.



Colin Chelberg

Chickasaw kids run to support cancer research

Two Chickasaw siblings recently ran in a charity race to support breast cancer research.

Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne and his sister, Karissa Elle Wynne, ran in the October 10 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Oklahoma City.

The children ran in memory of their late great-grandmother Lupe Contreras, and in support of their surviving great aunt

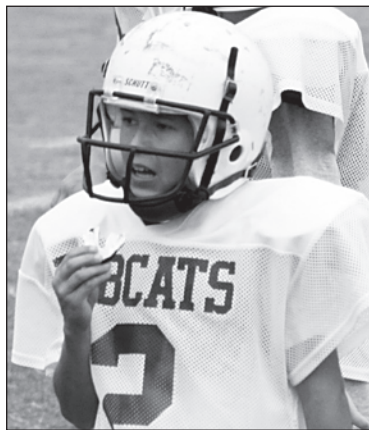
Loretta Vela, of Uvalde, Texas.

Jimmy finished first in the 5k group and Karissa competed in the 1k group.

Jimmy and Karissa are the children of Jimmy and Jennifer Wynne, of Blanchard, Okla.

They are the grandchildren of Jimmy and Billie Wynne, of Stratford, Okla., and Jesse and Olivia Cancino, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Chickasaw boys co-captains at Bridge Creek



Mason Trevino



Jimmy Wynne

Two Chickasaw junior high school football players are serving their team as captains.

Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne and Mason Trevino were co-captains of the seventh-grade Bridge Creek (OK) Middle School Bobcats during the team's Sept. 10 game versus the Lindsay (OK) Leopards.

Jimmy is the Bridge Creek quarterback and Mason is a Bobcat running back.

Jimmy is the son of Jimmy and Jennifer Wynne, and the grandson of Jimmy and Billie Wynne and Jesse and Olivia Cancino.

Mason is the son of Richard and Sherry Trevino.



Chickasaw Honor Guard Member
Rufus Eyachabee.

Rufus Eyachabee joins Chickasaw Honor Guard

Hailing from Antlers, Okla., Rufus Eyachabee is one of the newest veterans to serve in the Chickasaw Honor Guard.

Like many young men in the 1960s, Eyachabee was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. He served two years as a scout with the 17th Cavalry.

After his honorable discharge, he worked for more than 30 years in logistics at the Army Ammunition Plant in McAlester, Okla. He retired in 2007.

Eyachabee and his wife Ramona now live in the Ravia, Okla., area and are active at the Tishomingo Chickasaw Senior Center. They have three children and three grandchildren.

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Mitch Battese

Chickasaw artist tabbed for NMAI show

A Chickasaw artist has recently been selected to show his work at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

Mitch Battese, of Lawrence, Kan., will display his paintings during the National Museum's

annual art market. The market will be Dec. 5 and 6.

Battese is a graduate of Pine Ridge (SD) High School and attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M. He majored in fine arts at Bacone (OK) College and earned his bachelor's degree from Northeastern (OK) State University. He earned a master's degree from the University of Utah.

Battese has displayed his art at the Santa Fe Indian Art Market, the wholesale Indian Art Market in Mesa, Ariz., and at the Crazy Horse monument in South Dakota.

The National Museum collaborates with Indian people to sustain traditional beliefs and encourage artistic expression.



Amanda Clark

Chickasaw named top OU law student by OBA

A Chickasaw law student will be honored this month by the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Amanda Clark is a third-year law student at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Ms. Clark will receive the University of Oklahoma Outstanding Senior Law Student Award during the Oklahoma Bar Association's 105th Annual Meeting Nov. 4 in Oklahoma City.

Ms. Clark is currently an intern with the Chesapeake Energy Corporation land department. She previously completed an internship with Clifton D. Naifeh and Associates.

She is vice president of the Student Bar Association and is a co-founder of the College of Law's Student Ambassadors Recruiting program.

"Ms. Clark has excelled at what it means to be a true scholar of the law," Oklahoma Bar Association president Jon Parsley said. "She deserves this award for her hard work and for her true desire to be well-educated in the law."



Melanie Gomez

Gomez is artist-in- residence at Swiss gallery

A Chickasaw artist has recently been named artist-in-residence at a Swiss gallery.

Melanie Little Gomez was selected artist-in-residence at Chalet Vanil, an art gallery in the Swiss countryside. The gallery is only a few miles from the resort city of Gstaad.

Mrs. Gomez lived and worked at the gallery for one month prior to her Sept. 11 show. Her work has also been on display at the Simple Gallery in Gstaad.

Mrs. Gomez has had an interesting and varied art experience.

She earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts and photography from Texas Woman's University. She and her husband, musician Robert Gomez, lived and worked in New York for five years during which time her photography was included in Rolling Stone, Time, Newsweek, People, Spin and Seventeen.

She later lived on a train with her husband as he played with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus orchestra. She developed a painting style that featured small, quiet formats because the train living quarters allowed only small projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Gomez live in Denton, Texas.

She is the daughter of Ira Little.

Walk of Life hosted at Tuscumbia, Alabama



Chickasaw Nation tribal legislator Scott Colbert and Jay McGirt of the Creek Nation lead the annual Walk of Life to Spring Park at Tuscumbia, Ala., on September 12.

Serving in Iraq



John Tiffany, left, displays the Chickasaw flag with an Iraqi officer in Baghdad, Iraq. Mr. Tiffany is a security officer with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce Newcastle Gaming Center. He is currently serving in Iraq and says that he takes the flag with him on every mission.

Enjoying an 89er ride



Chickasaw elder Carolyn J. Key directs her team during an 89er wagon train ride at Tribbey, Okla. With her is her granddaughter, Jessica Walker, and the rider is Richie Anderson. The 89er ride was a three-day event in September. The rides are an opportunity to experience the past and learn about the land. Ms. Key flies the U.S. and Chickasaw flags on each ride.

Cardiac patient finds revival in road race competitions

Iron Man

Gary Ricks thought he was the picture of health.

He ate right and exercised regularly.

But, what he didn't know could have killed him.

In the late summer of 2001, Ricks, a Chickasaw citizen, made an appointment with Dr. Gilbert at Carl Albert Family Practice Center for a check-up.

In his late 30s, he spent his free time teaching aerobics and running, so he thought there was nothing to fear at the appointment.

Dr. Gilbert conducted some simple tests, which included checking his circulation and running an electrocardiogram.

After reviewing the test, Dr. Gilbert told Ricks, "I don't want to alarm you, but it shows you had a heart attack."

"I couldn't have been in better shape, Ricks said.

"Dr. Gilbert then ordered every test available - and I am grateful."

Following a battery of tests, Ricks was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy.

He said the diagnosis and subsequent treatment saved his life, and he credits the work of Dr. Gilbert and Carl Albert Health System.

After the diagnosis, Ricks worked with Dr. Sheffer, a cardiologist at Mercy Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City.

He discovered his heart's "ejection fraction" - the percent of blood that is released from

the heart - was well below the normal amount.

"Sixty-five to 70 percent is normal," he said. "You can get by on 45 percent, and (doctors) code people at 30 percent - mine was 32-34 percent.

"I could have had a heart attack and it wouldn't have been a mild one, either."

It was soon after that discovery, he was ordered to stop exercising and to focus on taking medication to heal.

"They shut me down for four years," he said.

He took two medications, one that regulated his heart's rhythms, and one that reshaped the heart.

"Here I am going to from not taking anything to taking all these meds, but I had to take them or die, he said.

"I was overweight and depressed."

Fast forward two years and he was given the "green light" to start cardio training again and was taken off one of the medications.

"All this time, the tribe was providing me with me medications and follow-up visits," he said.

Up Hill Climb

He started cycling.

"Boy, that was hard," Ricks said. "I was huffing and puffing riding about 20 miles and creeping up the hills. It was just so tough."

Ricks persevered and his pace starting getting faster.

In 2005, he competed in the 102-mile "Hotter N Hell" bicycle

race in Wichita Falls, Texas with more than 10,000 riders.

He finished with a time of four hours, 58 minutes and had an average speed of 20.3 miles per hour.

With that accomplishment he decided to try a triathlon in 2006.

He chose a "short triathlon" which includes a 400-meter swim, 14-mile bike ride and a two-mile run.

"It was quite the experience."

Today, he has completed seven triathlons, two durathons and a half-marathon last April.

The last triathlon he and his team competed in was the "Red Man" competition in Oklahoma City.

Despite a soaking downpour, Ricks and his teammate placed 37 out of 181.

"It was raining so hard, part of the bike course was flooded," he said. "Bikers had to get off their bikes six miles into the race and carry them around the flooded area. It was the hardest race I have ever done." Ricks plans to run a full marathon next April, and he has already started training for it.

As far as his health, he visits the cardiologist every other year for a check up.

He also credits his wife, Theresa, for helping him through the trying times.

Now, he says, "life is great and things are good."

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.



Chickasaw Gary Ricks races in a recent triathlon.

Timeline

2001 - Cardiomyopathy diagnosed, treatment begins.

2005 - Rode in first bike race

2006 - First triathlon

2009 - Competed in two triathlons, off most medication

Cardiomyopathy

Cardiomyopathy - a progressive heart muscle disease in which the heart is abnormally enlarged, thickened and stiffened. The heart muscle's ability to pump blood is weakened, often causing heart failure and the backup of blood into the lungs or rest of the body. The disease can also cause abnormal heart rhythms.

Chickasaw children's author publishes new book, 'Three-Toes the Raccoon Visits the Farm'

Chickasaw author Ronald Brown's experiences growing up on a farm inspired his first children's book with the message that every person and every creature is important.

Brown recently published "Three-Toes the Raccoon Visits the Farm," the story of a young raccoon who visits his grandmother's farm. Three-Toes is a city raccoon, so the visit is an exciting new experience for him.

Brown grew up in Ardmore, Okla., at the foot of

the Arbuckle Mountains where he helped on his parents' farm throughout his childhood. Today he often recalls the love for the land and animals that his Native parents instilled in him as a youth.

"I truly love writing for children, it gives me great pleasure and a sense of accomplishment to see them smiling as they enjoy my work," said Brown, "My fondest memories growing up are from when I lived in southern Oklahoma, which inspires a lot of my work

today."

Brown has been writing for over 17 years. Previously he published "God's Do's and Don'ts" and "African American, is there racism within the race," both available through Author House.

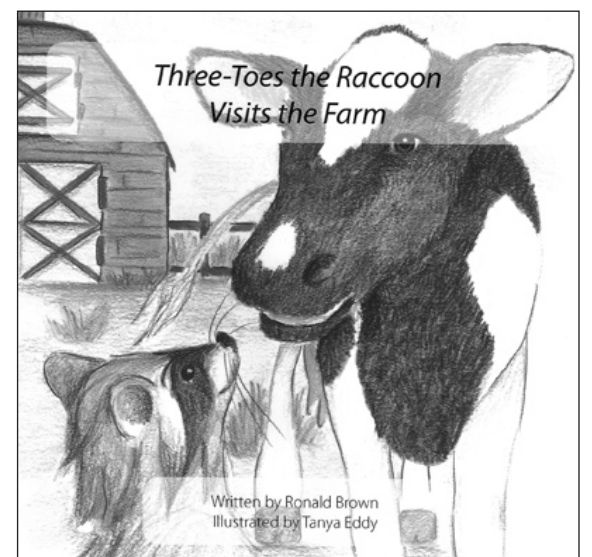
He said he developed an instant passion for writing children's books after starting work on "Three-Toes." Brown is currently in the process of writing his second children's book.

He hopes that his work

will eventually be turned into an animated film, and aspires to continue inspiring the imaginations and teaching children through his work.

"Three-Toes the Raccoon Visits the Farm," can be ordered from Author House. The website is www.authorhouse.com and the phone number is 1-800-839-8640.

Brown is from Jonesboro, Ark. He is the son of Otto and Lillie Brown, and the grandson of Elsie and Jesse Brown.



A little information can change your life forever

Domestic violence support group meetings hosted weekly

In an effort to prevent domestic violence and save lives, the Chickasaw Nation is finding new ways to stop the violence before it starts and aid victims of violent crimes.

The Office of Violence Prevention is now hosting weekly support meetings.

Meetings are for anyone who is a victim of domestic violence, past or present, or anyone wanting to learn more about the dynamics of domestic violence.

"A women's support group is important because a lot of the

times, the victim that is going through abuse does not realize that there are many other women who have been through the same type of situation, or even still currently living in the abuse," said Tisha Williams, Chickasaw Nation Domestic Violence counselor.

Domestic violence is a crime that not only affects the individuals involved in the abusive relationship but one that affects families, children, and friendships of the people surrounding them.

One in five women are physi-

cally assaulted by a spouse or partner with three to four million women injured by physical abuse each year.

According to the FBI, ex-partners commit 30 percent of homicides of women and six percent of homicides of men each year.

Reported cases of domestic violence in Oklahoma climbed from seventh in the nation in 2007 to third in 2008.

This year, Oklahoma's rate of domestic violence homicides was fourth highest in the nation with violence occurring at more than double the rate in Native American populations.

Support groups are one of the best forms of counseling for victims of domestic violence. Recent studies show groups help victims acknowledge they are not alone and that the abuse is not related to their actions.

"Through the group setting experience, stories can be shared and victims can relate to each other to gain personal strength from one another,"

said Williams.

For additional information or enrollment in programs and services, contact the Office of Violence Prevention 580-272-

5550, located at 231 Seabrook Rd. Ada, Okla.

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Are you being abused?

Does the person you love:

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Tell you you're a bad parent or threaten to take away or hurt your children?

Act like the abuse is no big deal, it's your fault, or even denies doing it?

Destroy your property or threaten to kill your pets?

Intimidate you with guns, knives, or other weapons?

Shove you, slap you, or hit you?

Force you to drop charges?

Threaten to commit suicide?

Threaten to kill you?

Just one "yes" answer means you're involved in an abusive relationship.

If so, you're not alone and you have choices.

You can take the first step toward ending abuse by asking for help.

Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy Office of Violence: (580)-272-5550, Oklahoma Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-522-SAFE (7233), National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233), or 911 in case of an emergency.

If you attend

TIME: Every Monday night from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Youth and Family Services Building Small Conference Room, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, Okla.

DETAILS:

Open to the public.

Free of charge for females 18 years or over.

Childcare is provided.

Transportation available for participants living in the Ada area.

Weekly door prize and gifts for first time participants.

Tribal Department of Family Advocacy sponsors domestic violence prevention training



From left, Detective Jon Lumbley, Dallas Police Department Family Violence Unit; Teresa Morgan, tribal Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) Shelter Coordinator; Tisha Williams, OVP Program Counselor; Shannon Thomison, OVP Shelter Advocate; Dalena Steidley, OVP Career Developer; Janie Tingle, OVP Advocate; and Renee Wilson, OVP Duncan Advocate.

Experts provided specialized training in the dynamics of domestic violence to Ada-area law enforcement and domestic violence advocates on Oct. 13.

"It was a great opportunity to hold a training that enabled us to get more professionals additional education on the issue of domestic violence, as we know it affects our community daily," said Tisha Williams, Chickasaw Nation Domestic Violence counselor.

Over 75 people attended the Chickasaw Nation Department

of Family Advocacy domestic violence prevention training at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Okla.

Guest presenter Detective Jon H. Lumbley spoke with law enforcement officers and the public regarding interviewing victims of domestic violence, dynamics of family violence, and the dynamics and lethality of domestic violence.

"Domestic violence is a crime that affects the whole family and not just the individuals involved," Lumbley said. "It is

important that we train advocates and law enforcement how to recognize when these violent crimes are occurring and who is perpetrating the crime."

Certified as a Sexual Assault Family Violence (SAFVIC) Instructor, Lumbley is a qualified teacher with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center on domestic violence and a member of the Dallas Area Crisis Response Team.

"We really appreciated having Detective Lumbley," Williams said. "He was a great speaker and trainer and has a lot of experience working with victims. His training allowed us to expand our knowledge in working with victims."

For more information on future training opportunities contact the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention at (580) 272-5550 or visit their offices located at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada, Okla. in the Youth and Family Services building.

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August 2009 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Nathaniel Daniel

Nathaniel, son of John and Cindy Daniel, of Coalgate, Okla., is an August 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.



Nathaniel Daniel

Nathaniel completed fourth grade at Cottonwood Public School in Coalgate, Okla., and was nominated by teacher Renea Foreman.

"Nathaniel goes above and beyond in all areas of academics," said Ms. Foreman.

Nathaniel achieved straight As each nine weeks of the school year. He was selected as the top fourth grade student in math, reading and science. Nathaniel also averaged 90 percent in the accelerated reading program.

Nathaniel enjoys jumping on the trampoline, fishing, hunting, reading and sports.

"In the future, I might want to be a scientist because I like to read and make stuff," said Nathaniel.

Shawn Dorrough

Shawn, son of Rick and Lynn Dorrough, of Beaumont, Calif., is an August 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Language Arts and Math.



Shawn Dorrough

Shawn is in the sixth grade at Mountain View Middle School in Beaumont, Calif., and was nominated by teacher Mrs. Bennecke.

"Shawn was awarded academic achievements in math and language arts," said Mrs. Bennecke.

Shawn loves playing the drums and learning the piano. He likes riding his dirt bike, camping, bowling, golfing and spending time with friends and family.

"When I grow up, I would like to be a music teacher or musician," said Shawn.

Carley Givens

Carley, daughter of Scott and Teri Givens, of McKinney, Texas, is an August 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor



Carley Givens

Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Carley completed eighth grade at Ruth Dowell Middle School in McKinney, Texas, and was nominated by Jamie Thomas.

"Carley is an outstanding model student," said Ms. Thomas. "She meets or exceeds the expectations asked of our middle school students."

Carley received a best writer award and a gold medal award in drama. She is a member of the school choir and the National Junior Honor Society.

Carley enjoys hanging out with her friends, going to church events, plays and sporting events.

"My plans for the future are to be involved in the medical field," said Carley.

Erica Herman

Erica, daughter of Carolyn and James Herman, of Midwest City, Okla., is an August 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award Overall.



Erica Herman

Erica completed seventh grade at Nicoma Park Junior High and was nominated by teacher Jennifer Savage.

"Erica demonstrates exceptional character through her peer relations, academic achievement and excellent work ethic," said Ms. Savage.

Erica is a straight A student, on the Superintendent's Honor Roll and was named Student of the Year. She is in the school choir and is a member of Campfire USA.

Erica enjoys reading, playing computer games and playing with her siblings.

"My future goals are to graduate from high school and enter college to be a pediatrician," said Erica.

Creed Humphrey

Creed, son Chris and Stacy Humphrey, of Ada, Okla., is an August 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award Overall.



Creed Humphrey

Creed completed the second grade at Latta Elementary School in Ada and was nominated by teacher Kristi Smith.

"Creed works hard daily with a great amount of perseverance," said Ms. Smith. "Even when things are hard, he does not give up."

Creed's favorite school subject is math and his favorite sport is baseball. He enjoys fishing, swimming and snowboarding with his family.

Caroline Keel

Caroline, daughter of Frank and Kathie Keel, of Lebanon, Tenn., is an August 2009 re-



Caroline Keel

ipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Caroline completed sixth grade at Castle Heights Upper Elementary in Lebanon, Tenn., and was nominated by physical education teacher Jerett Cushing.

"Caroline continually demonstrates exceptional athletic abilities," said Mr. Cushing. "In addition, she also possesses a remarkable character."

Caroline is a straight A student and has won several awards in track and field. She enjoys 4-H, art, running, animals, collecting model horses and reading.

Kelsey Landreth

Kelsey, daughter of Lloyd and Barb Landreth, of Tulsa, Okla., is an August 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in 4-H.



Kelsey Landreth

Kelsey is a freshman at Jenks High School and was nominated by Native American Educator Linda Rogers.

"Kelsey had a very successful season in her first year as a senior on the horse judging team," said Ms. Rogers. "She loves horses and is looking forward to showing her horse next season."

Kelsey enjoys swimming, horse judging and showing horses. She is a member of the

Tulsa County 4-H horse club.

"My future plans are to attend Oklahoma State University and be a member of the equestrian team or horse judging team," said Kelsey.

Brooke Salsman

Brooke, daughter of Bruce and Debra Salsman, of Harrison, Ark., is an August 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Art and Academics.



Brooke Salsman

Brooke is completed fifth grade at Valley Springs Middle School and was nominated by Cheryl Anderson.

"Brooke is a very dedicated student," said Ms. Anderson. "She is serious about her homework and is developing good study skills."

Brooke was the fifth grade student council representative, a member of the basketball team and the Ozark Children's Choir. She also maintained straight As and received the Presidential Scholars award.

Brooke enjoys playing basketball, riding her scooter, drawing, writing stories and reading.

"I would someday like to be an author and write chapter books," said Brooke.

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September 2009 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

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Alysia Carter

Alysia, daughter of Johnny and Vicki Carter, of Ada, Okla., is a September 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Citizenship.



Alysia Carter

Alysia is a senior at Latta High School in Ada and was nominated by teacher Kim Cupps.

"Alysia is a hard worker and always has a great attitude," said Ms. Cupps. "She gets involved in class discussions and doesn't complain when asked

to do something."

Alysia has received awards for straight As and for improved public speaking skills in speech and drama class. She enjoys scrapbooking, learning about physical therapy, drawing, painting, softball, volleyball and walking.

"My future plans are to complete the physical therapy aide program at Pontotoc Technology Center and attend Murray State College for a physical therapy assistant degree," said Alysia.

Whitney Givens

Whitney, daughter of Scott and Teri Givens, of McKinney, Texas, is



Whitney Givens

a September 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Whitney completed the fifth grade at Glen Oaks Elementary in McKinney, Texas, and was nominated by Principal Ronda Gilliam.

"Whitney is an amazing young lady of high character and dedication," said Ms. Gilliam. "Her behavior is exemplary and she stands out as a leader in the classroom and among her peers."

Whitney is a member of gifted and talented, the Choir Safety Patrol and Students Thinking of Others and Peers (STOP). She was awarded the Listening with Understanding and Empa-

thy award. Whitney completed the Texas assessments tests with a 100 percent.

Whitney enjoys chatting with her friends, reading, music, acting, singing, writing and playing volleyball.

"I hope to go to college one day and become a school teacher," said Whitney.

Hannah Landreth

Hannah, daughter of Lloyd and Barb Landreth, of Tulsa, Okla., is a September 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement



Hannah Landreth

Greetham named Division of Commerce Chief Legal Officer



Stephen H. Greetham

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce has announced the appointment of

Stephen H. Greetham as Chief Legal Officer. Mr. Greetham has served as Special Counsel to the Chickasaw Nation since January 2007.

As Special Counsel, he worked closely with tribal leadership primarily on water and natural resource issues, intergovernmental relations and legislative initiatives. Mr. Greetham will continue to work with tribal leadership on these issues and initiatives as Chief Legal Officer while managing legal issues and initiatives for the Division of Commerce.

"We are excited to have Stephen join the team of Chief Officers for the Commerce Division," said Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce CEO. "We have worked with Stephen on many issues

over the past two years and believe his knowledge and experience in dealing with tribal issues will continue to benefit the Division and the Nation."

Mr. Greetham is a former partner in the Nordhaus Law Firm in Albuquerque, where he served as water general counsel to several American Indian tribes. In particular, he was lead tribal counsel in the adjudications of the water rights of the Pueblos of Laguna and Taos, served as lead attorney in comprehensive negotiations to settle the 40-year-old lawsuit to quantify Taos Pueblo's and its neighbors' water rights claims, and worked closely with tribal and state government officials in the formulation of the New Mexico State Water Plan.

Mr. Greetham has taught fed-

eral Indian law at the University of New Mexico Law School and has testified before the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on the federal role in resolving outstanding tribal water right claims. He is a graduate of Boston University, where he earned an undergraduate degree, and Northwestern University School of Law. Prior to law school, he was a program associate with the Environmental Defense Fund in Washington, D.C.

"I am looking forward to working more closely with the team of professionals that manage the Division of Commerce," Mr. Greetham said. "My work with these individuals so far has proven their strong commitment to building and growing successful businesses

within the Division that in turn provide much needed services for the citizens of the Nation."

The Commerce Division's previous legal advisor, Jay Johnson, will continue to serve the Division as a consultant advising in the areas of contracts and intellectual property.

The Commerce Division employs approximately 6,400 people in Oklahoma and north Texas working in 56 economic development initiatives owned and operated by the Nation. These include two of Oklahoma's largest casinos - WinStar World and Riverwind- hotels, restaurants, travel plazas, tobacco stores, technology and health care entities, a family entertainment center, chocolate factory, radio stations, and a newspaper.

Jordanian school principal visits during Annual Meeting and Festival



Jordanian school official Nidal Shahrour, left, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel and Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Dean of Students Jack Gleason, during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival on October 3.

A Jordanian school principal attended the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo on October 3.

Through the 2009 Jordan School Administrator Hosting Exchange Program, Nidal Shahrour of Amman, Jordan, is experiencing educational and cultural activities across Oklahoma and the U.S. Mr. Shahrour is the guest of Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Dean of Students Jack Gleason. Mr. Shahrour and Mr. Gleason spent a day in Tishomingo to learn about the Chickasaw culture.

"I enjoyed the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival very much," said Mr. Shahrour. "I wish the Chickasaw Nation suc-

cess in all of its future goals."

Mr. Gleason and Mr. Shahrour visited with Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel along with many Chickasaw Nation citizens. They toured the Chickasaw capitol building and the Southeastern Art Show and enjoyed the Chickasaw traditional meal. Mr. Gleason and

Mr. Shahrour concluded the day enjoying the festivities at Pennington Park.

The Jordan School Administrator Hosting Exchange Program is made possible with funding from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs through the U.S. Department of State.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would

like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the public affairs department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

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Award in Academics.

Hannah is a graduate of Jenks High School and was nominated by Native American Educator Linda Rogers.

"Hannah is a 2009 National Merit finalist and an Academic All-State Scholarship recipient," said Ms. Rogers. "She was also a member of the Jenks state championship swim team in 2008 and 2009."

Hannah has received several scholarships and awards. She is a 2009 National Merit finalist and an Academic All-State Scholarship recipient. She is a recipient of the Wendy Heis-

man Award and the Channel 47 A+ Student Athlete of the Week award. Hannah is also a member of the Native American Honor Society and Student Council.

Hannah enjoys swimming and rowing.

"I am attending the University of Oklahoma and double majoring in Spanish and microbiology with minors in medical humanities and Native American Studies," said Hannah.

Phoebe Mitchell

Phoebe, daughter of Robert Mitchell, of Oklahoma City, is a September 2009 recipient of

the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Foreign Language.

Phoebe completed her sophomore year at Heritage Hall in Oklahoma City and was nominated by Spanish teacher Nelly Gran.

"Phoebe's steadfast commitment to her work in my Spanish class reflects dedication and maturity," said Gran.

Phoebe received a bronze ranking on the National Spanish exam. She received the Out-



Phoebe Mitchell

standing Freshman award. She was in the cast of "High School Musical 2" at Lyric Theatre and played Louisa in Lyric's 2008 production of "The Sound of Music."

Phoebe enjoys studying voice, dance and acting.

Devan Soots

Devan, son of Krysten Belvin Marshall and Duane Soots, of Sugarland, Texas, is a September 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Over-



Devan Soots

all.

Devan is in the third grade at Brazos Bend Elementary in Sugarland, Texas, and was nominated by teacher Carol McClelland.

"Devan is one of the brightest students I've ever had the privilege of teaching," said Ms. McClelland. "He is well behaved and exhibits the character traits of a well-rounded student and citizen."

Devan was on the Principal's Honor Roll and excelled in all subjects.

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LEGO leagues gaining popularity, kick off new season

The Chickasaw Nation For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) LEGO league seasons are under way as students prepare for tournament play with the Smart Moves challenge.

"The students are excited about the new LEGO challenge this year," said Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math manager Sara Willie. "Since such an overwhelming number of students expressed interest this year in the LEGO leagues, we created an additional team for each league."

The Chickasaw Nation sponsors six LEGO leagues - three Junior LEGO leagues for Chickasaw students ages six to eight and three LEGO leagues for Chickasaw students ages nine to 14.

The LEGO league team members will design a robot and create transportation strategies for competition play. The project is a response to the LEGO Smart Moves transportation challenge.

"We are extremely happy and excited with all the support we have received from the parents and members of the community this year," said Willie. "The program has really taken off."

The first Junior LEGO event is November 21 at Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City.

The first LEGO event is a scrimmage November 14 at the Owasso Seventh Grade Center in Owasso, Okla.

The main competition will be the Inaugural Oklahoma Championship Tournament December 12 at



Brooks, Levi Brooks, Taylor Harrison, Nayukpa Ramsey, Drew Varnado, Colton Wilson and Laura Wilson. Team members for Tiny Techs are Kelly Cooke, Elijah Gibson, Logan Jarrett, Lauren John and Andrea Underwood. Mini Mayhem team members are Sean Cooke, Sunzie Harrison, Heath Hook, Carly Horton, Matthew McAngus, Micah Post oak and Keith Taylor.

The LEGO league also consists of three teams - Blockheads, Cybernuts and Mechanical Masterminds. Team members for the Blockheads are Daniel Carpenter, Avery Logan, Bailee McCurdy, Jason Morgan, Jalen Underwood, Chelsea Wedlow, Savannah Weems and Nathaniel West.

Team members for the Cybernuts are Lauren Burden, Tyla Carpenter, Brooke Colungo, Levi Hinson, Madyson Mitchell, Caleb Scott, Brandon Stephens, Jordan Stick, and Garrett Wampler. Team members for Mechanical Masterminds are Courtney Burris, Patrick Cooke, Chase Horton, Roudee Humpers, Brady Jarrett, Winter Stephens, Joshua Tingle, Taylor Weems and Thirkiel Wedlow.

For more information about the LEGO leagues, contact Sara Willie at 580-421-7711 or sara.willie@chickasaw.net.

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Blockhead team member Jason Morgan (left) and Metal Mayhem team member Bill Bonner test their robot during a LEGO team meeting. LEGO members meet several days during the week in preparation of tournament play.

What is FIRST?

The Junior LEGO and LEGO Leagues were formed through a national organization called For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST). The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. Through FIRST, students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and develop self-confidence, communication and leadership skills. For more information about FIRST, visit www.usfirst.org.

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Chickasaw Citizens

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Pacific Northwest
Community Council

Due to the newspaper deadline, details on our last quarterly meeting conducted Saturday, October 24 will be in next month's edition of *the Chickasaw Times*.

Be sure to read as we hope to also include information on our upcoming 2011 quarterly meeting schedule. Contact Kim Factor at 503-819-3097 for suggestions and/or feedback.

And on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation and your new Pacific Northwest Community Council: best wishes for a safe and a happy holiday season!

North Texas Community
Council

At the October meeting we had a good time with a potluck dinner and watching the Texas-OU game. Time was also spent visiting.

There will be no meeting in November. The December 19 meeting will be a Christmas potluck dinner. Turkey with dressing will be provided. Bring your favorite Christmas side dish and join in with a Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long. If you play a musical instrument bring it.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday. See you on December 19.

Wichita
Community Council

About 40 members of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, their relatives and friends turned out for the annual picnic on Saturday, Oct 10. Howard and Joyce Barnes were the organizers and providers for the pot-luck event and didn't leave a stone unturned in making the event a success.

It was a chilly day, but the Horseshoe Shelter was warm and cozy for those who played games and ate delicious home-cooked food. Several prizes

were awarded during a drawing. One of the other activities was telling stories and several had some pretty good family stories. Those stories kept things lively and sparked lots of questions and conversations.

The 9th Annual Trail of Tears Memorial Walk will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. This event is sponsored by Hunter Health Clinic in conjunction with Mid-America All-Indian Center and the USD 259 School District. The activities will begin at 9 a.m. at the Indian United Methodist Church 1111 North Meridian with bagels and coffee. People can park at the Indian Center's parking lot and be shuttled to the church. The Walk is scheduled to begin about 10:30 a.m.

There will be health information booths and free flu shots, courtesy Hunter Health Clinic. The Two Feathers dance troupe of Sapulpa, Okla., will offer an interactive stomp dance demonstration from 1 to 4 p.m. Dress in your tribal regalia if

you like, but it is not required to participate.

Our Chickasaw Community Council has supported this event every year since it was formed. Pam Harjo, one of our original members, is the coordinator of this annual event. She started this event to commemorate the original Trail of Tears and to bring attention to the current trail of health issues facing the Native American population.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Wichita Council is Sunday, Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Mid-America All-Indian Center. For information please call Lynn at 316-945-9219 or Pam at 316-821-9214.

New Mexico Chickasaw
Community Council

Our September meeting, with 23 in attendance, welcomed guests Sharon Nelson and Dinah Worchester traveling from Oklahoma to attend and bring information. Everyone was

grateful to hear Dinah, Manager Genealogy & Archive Center, share tips on researching genealogy and the resources available at the Genealogy and Archive center.

Sharon Nelson, council liaison, brought exciting news to the council regarding the availability of a phraselator, a tool to assist in learning the Chickasaw language. The council looks forward to training and utilizing the new tool.

Please mark your calendars for the next council meeting which is a festive meeting for the holidays with a silent auction and wonderful holiday door prizes planned for the meeting.

The NMCCC is grateful and happy to call Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church its meeting place for the upcoming year.

Please join us for the next meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Road NE, the corner of Moon and Academy.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA
ADA

Volleyball League
October 20-December 15, (580) 310-6620

After School Program
November 2-December 11, (580) 310-6620

Elders Thanksgiving Lunch and Bazaar
November 20, (580) 622-2888

Chickasaw Press Holiday Sale
November 20, (580) 559-0547

Lowak Shoppala' World Premiere
November 21-22, For tickets call: (580) 272-5520

Elders Christmas Luncheon
December 18, (580) 622-2888

Winter Lock-In
(Children ages 10-18)
January 8-9, (580) 272-5551

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, (580) 421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma Community Council
4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, (580) 564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Sarah Lea, (580) 564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Todd Griffith, (405) 615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Linda O'Hagan, (405) 350-3311

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, (580) 371-3351

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Chickasaw Outreach 866-466-1481

Sacramento Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Chickasaw Outreach 866-466-1481

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado

Quarterly Meetings
Stephen Bingham, (303) 377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219 or Pam Harjo, (316) 393-0696

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings
Vadare Cornelison, (505) 332-1776

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly meetings
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Michele Moody, (210) 492-2288

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
Austin, Texas Area
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, (512) 258-7919

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
John C. Atkins, (972) 271-0692



Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Johnson-Billy served as State of the Nation emcee.



From left, Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John, Jr. Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker and Miss Chickasaw Jessie Miller.



From left, tribal Supreme Court justice Barbara Smith, Chickasaw tribal legislators Shana Tate Hammond, of Pickens District; Holly Easterling, of Pontotoc District; David Woerz, of Pickens District; Nancy Elliott of Pontotoc District; and D. Scott Colbert of Tishomingo District.



Top and lower right, the Chickasaw Children's Choir performs at the State of the Nation address. Below left, Gov. Bill Anoatubby greets Governor Emeritus Overton James.



Mississippi collector donates artifacts



Marvin Burcham, center, presents Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel with a framed sample of the 214 artifacts Mr. Burcham has donated to the Chickasaw Nation during this year's Arts and Culture Awards. The collection was gathered over 50 years in the Chickasaw homelands in Mississippi.

Thanks to Marvin Burcham, modern Chickasaws now have a more complete perspective of their ancestors than ever before.

Mr. Burcham recently donated more than 200 pieces of his ancient chipped-stone tool collection to the Chickasaw Nation.

"Donating these items was a dream come true for me, Mr. Burcham said.

"I wanted the Chickasaw people to be able to learn from the ancient past and have some of their ancestors' things back."

Brad Lieb, anthropologist and Chickasaw Nation Cultural Affairs special assistant, said the

artifacts pre-date the tribe's current collection by thousands of years and are a good indicator of the Chickasaw ancestors' skill.

"These artifacts serve as a great compliment the existing collection," he said. "They come from a relatively unknown area and exhibit just how highly skilled the Chickasaw ancestors were at the art of flint-knapping."

For Mr. Burcham, the love of archeology is a family tradition.

"In the 1930s, my daddy got interested in Native American artifacts and their history," he said.

As a young man, he followed in his father's footsteps and began collecting Native American artifacts in the mid 1940s.

Over the years, he collected several examples of tools including spear points, knives, arrowheads and grinding stones. He collected the artifacts from plowed fields, ancient village sites, near creeks and in open fields throughout Alcorn County, Mississippi.

The collection will be kept and exhibited in the Holisso Center at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

CULTURAL CENTER

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sen's portraits "They Know Who They Are" were on display in the Aatifama Room, giving many a chance to see the collection of Chickasaw elders' portraits.

Cultural demonstrations and children's activities offered something for everyone's interest during the day.

Prior to the Evening Bell Ringing by Kennedy Brown, the Chickasaw Dance Troupe performed in the amphitheatre.

Community Impact

For many community members, the day offered a first glimpse of the Cultural Center, which has been in the planning stages for many years.

Murray County (OK) Commissioner Billy Frank Lance said, "I am very proud to have such a first-class facility located in Murray County. The Cultural Center will be a great asset to Murray County and we are very fortunate to have it located here.

"Governor Anoatubby and all Chickasaw citizens should be proud to see the vision of Cultural Center come to fruition."

Danny Wall, director of the Chickasaw Nation's School to Work program, used the word "incredible" to describe the Cultural Center.

"This is a place where people can share and experience the incredible history and culture of the Chickasaw," he said.

Longtime Chickasaw Nation administrator Pat Woods, said the dream of many Chickasaws was now a reality.

"(The Cultural Center) is a state-of-the-art facility and will be a great attraction for Murray County and Oklahoma," she said. "We will be able to share our great history and culture with school children, Chickasaw families and all who travel this way."

Darin Farrell, Sulphur resident and Arbuckle hospital administrator, visited the Cultural Center for the first time Oct. 2.

"I have been hearing about the Center for the past couple of years and have been anticipating getting to visit," he said. "This first visit far exceeded my expectations. It is a beautiful, high tech yet calming and peaceful place. I have never seen anything like it. This is a place that the Chickasaw people as well as all Oklahomans

should be very proud of."

Farrell also praised the "Behind the Scenes" event.

"It was great to see so many of the Chickasaw people and co-workers coming together from all over the Chickasaw Nation," he said. "They were all courteous and seemed eager to tell visitors about the history of the Chickasaw people. I saw multi-generational families all

participating together. From the parking lot attendants to the craftsmen, all were very enthusiastic about showing off this amazing place."

The Cultural Center is expected to open in 2010.

For more information about the Chickasaw Cultural Center, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Clockwise from below, Chickasaw twins Reese and Christian Siegle enjoy the kids' "make-and-take" crafts area at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Chickasaw elder Kennedy Brown rings the Evening Bell at the Cultural Center. Chickasaw tribal legislators Dean McManus and Mary Jo Green don traditional clothing to welcome visitors. Chickasaw Head Start children enjoy a tour, and kids get a lesson in basketry.







The Spirit of the Festival Award recipient Allen Fox.



Golf Tournament first-place winners, from left, Dr. Agustus Shi, Britt Johnson, Dr. Andrew Stevens, and Benny Tahmahkera.



Golf Tournament second-place winners, from left, Daryl Cochran, Stacy Edgar, Brad Cochran, and Wayne Scribner.

Other golf tournament winners include Ladies' Longest Drive #18, Carla Hill; Ladies' Closest to the Pin #5, Carla Hill; Men's Longest Drive #6, Allen Fox; Men's Closest to the Pin #17, Mike Imotichey; Anyone Closest to the Pin #9, Darrell Coceran; and Anyone Closest to the Pin #14, Pat Cristelli.



Golf Tournament third-place winners, from left, Danny Stewart, Jay Mitchell, Mike Mitchell, Marvin Mitchell.











Name	School	Name	School
Carson Dean	Hayes-Ada	Julie Morgan	Homer
Logan Mathews	Homer	Cheyenne Shomo	Broken Bow
Tayt Youngwolf	Ada	Ryler Rinehart	Allen Middle
Ryler Rich	Latta	Jalen Frazier	Chickasaw Nation Headstart
Sierra Lowe	Ada-Middle School	Jaison Scott	Headstart
Paige Young	Latta	Hummy Scott	Hayes
Hanag West	Latta	Taylor Harrison	Allen
Triniti Cotanny	Homer	Damon Jefferson	C.N. Headstart
Kelsey Kenedy	Pleasant-Grove	Geordana Frazier	Hayes
Nicholas Stephens	Pleasant-Grove	Butterfly Scott	Hayes
Raydyn Amos	Davis	Topanga Love	Ravia
Alexis Cardinalle	Ravia	Colton Stidham	Byng Jr H
Maryah Harian	Mannsville	Lanndon Fixico	
Sean Harian	Mannsville	Joe Factor	Ravia
Lydia Howeth	Homer	James Harcrow	Tishomingo
Dylan Musgrove	Homer	Samuel Harcrow	Tishomingo
Colton Howeth	Homer	Kenya Palmer	Will Rogers
Tyler Dean	Washington-Ada	Alexus Palmer	Jefferson
Holly Rinehart	Allen High	Maddison Steward	Lincoln
Macyee Davis	Homer	Samara Morgan	Will Rogers
Kaylee Davis		Deland Cobb	Washington
Taigen White	Sulphur	Thirkiel Wedlow	Allen
Reese Hamilton	Washington	Dakota Nicheli	Allen
Silas Lewis	Franklin	Chelsea Wedlow	Allen
Leslie Stidham	Francis Elem.	Cassidy Degrio	Stonewall
Jenesis Lewis	Franklin	Linda Hines	Stonewall
Donya Impson	Glenwood	Kervon James	Latta
Ciara Wilson	Dickson	Rachel Scott	Little Axe
Raphael Padilla	Homeschooled- Stefani	Elizabeth Quiroz	St. Mary’s
Este-Chate Lewis	Franklin	Nyah Stephens	Washinton Elem.
Devon chapman	Byng	Haven Mayfield	
Roudee Humphers	Ada Sr. High	Winter Stephens	Ada
Avery Logan	Willard	Monica Bluedond	Kingston Elem.
Gage Jimboy	Homer	Sabrina Hadley	Kingston Elem.
Jude Dotson	Latta	Sunzie Harrison	Allen
Katie Estes	Latta	Nawllah Tiger	Kingston Elem.
Gabrielle Padilla	Homeschooled- Stefani	Tyler Baptiste	Lincoln
Ethan Martinez	Will Rogers	JoAnna Sayerwinnie	Kingston
James Byars	Ravia	Jeron Booker	Will Rogers
Derick Jones	Lincoln Elem	Camary Strickland	Kingston Elem.
Kolton mcGaha	Davis	Devon Monroe	Chickasaw Nation Headstart
Terry Byars	Ravia	Angel Castillo	Kingston Elem.
Rhyan Pogue	Homer	Zephaniah White	Chickasaw Nation H S
Vai Watkins	Homer	Kes Reeves	Kingston Elem.
Rebekah Mose	Plainview	Aden Carroll	Chickasaw Nation H S
Lyindsey Keel	Homer	Lauren Wood	Francis (Byng)
Kolby Woodell	Sulphur Elem	Tanner Byrd	Homer
Rancee Imotichey	Chickasaw Nation	Emmanuel Padilla	Homeschooled- Stefani
Kelsey Morgan	Homer	Elijah Gibson	Homer
Lauren Burden	Washington	DancingStar Frazier	Ada High School
Alojhna Imotichey	Homer	LitteSky Frazier	
Chase Imotichey	Washington		

You may have a great story idea! Share your history!

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Anyone who regularly writes articles for a living depends on readers for story ideas, and I am no different.

So this is one of my periodic pleas to contribute information that may be hidden away deep within your basement or your mind. It could be pertinent to tribal history or culture, or perhaps you know or know about an accomplished or intriguing Chickasaw.

I don't get a lot of contributions, but I get enough good ones to continue soliciting your help. In fact, some of the articles and essays I have most enjoyed producing resulted with your help.

It's not that I have trouble coming up with ideas; it's variety and diversity I'm after. Writers have a good habit of writing what they know, but the downside is the tendency to get stuck in a rut, repeating what you know, but with new wrinkles or variations.

Despite the new packaging, pretty soon readers come to think, haven't I seen this before? Sometimes, it takes suggestions completely out of the blue to start the research that with luck can result in an interesting, informative article.

For example, years ago when I was a very green editor of the new *Journal of Chickasaw History*, I was asking everyone I knew for story ideas so that I could produce a good mix for the quarterly periodical. I was also looking to recruit

new members for the Chickasaw Historical Society (CHS), for which the *Journal* was intended. So, I contacted Karla Windy Boy, who worked in the registrar's office. Could she, I asked, include a flyer about CHS with the mailings she sent to new Chickasaw citizens?

She agreed to do it. I had shared copies of the *Journal* with Karla and reminded her I was eternally on the lookout for story ideas. "Do you want one now?" she asked. Had I heard that a Chickasaw named Euel "Monk" Moore played major league baseball in the 1930s? She didn't know much more except that he was deceased, but his widow still lived in Tishomingo. I arranged to visit Gwen Moore, and she proudly showed me scrapbooks she'd made of Monk's baseball career. This, combined with an interview I had with Mrs. Moore became the basis of a 1996 profile. Later that year, Monk Moore was inducted posthumously into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Now there were many other Chickasaws familiar with Monk Moore as a pitcher with the Philadelphia Phillies, but they hadn't thought to bring him to the attention of the Nation. For some people, it's a leap to make such a connection, but once Karla got warmed up, she gave me other suggestions, including, I believe, Fred Tecumseh Waite, a sidekick of Billy the Kid!

And if it wasn't Karla, who only knew about Waite's connection with Billy the Kid, it was another Chickasaw. Because Waite's hometown was Pauls Valley, I went to the city's library where I discovered that Waite later became a tribal legislator and attorney general.

I get most suggestions or tips via e-mail, sometimes indirectly. By that I mean the writer wants information from me, like the Sulphur man who wanted to know if the tribe had information on Capt. Raymond Harvey, a Chickasaw who received the Congressional Medal of Honor. Not only did I not know about him, but neither did any of the tribal members or staff I contacted!

Was he listed on the Medal of Honor Website? Yes. Was he Chickasaw? Yes. Tribal genealogist Amber Underwood told me that his mother was a full-blood Chickasaw. One thing led to another and I eventually had enough information to produce a profile on Harvey, the only Chickasaw to receive the Medal, for the July 2008 *Times*.

Lately, I've been very fortunate to receive story ideas from Mitch Caver, of Baldwyn, Mississippi, which is near Tupelo. One had an interesting facet to it. I knew that Piomingo met with President George Washington in 1794 in Philadelphia. I had read a brief account of the meeting in Washington's papers.

But Caver, in unrelated activity, dis-

covered in the electronic version of the papers of John Adams and John Quincy Adams that they contained the latter man's eyewitness account of the meeting between the Chickasaw leaders and American leaders. He sent me the link, and the Adams' account formed the basis of an article I wrote for the *Times* last July. Surely I never would have found Adams' diary entry myself.

Not every suggestion or lead becomes an interesting article or important acquisition of historical material, such as photos, correspondence, and tribal documents. However, the potential is always there. If you know something that may be of value in recounting tribal history and culture, let me know. Even if it seems inconsequential to you, your donation could be invaluable to someone who has a different perspective.

A John Quincy Adams' scholar probably wouldn't have written about the future U.S. president's account of the meeting of Piomingo and President George Washington. But to me, Adams provided an informational, nuanced, and absolutely unique scene in Chickasaw history.

I hope you will contact me at 405-947-5020 or Richard.Green@Chickasaw.net. Thank you.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE FOUNDATION

ShiAnne Smith-Veach named Foundation Student of the Month

Ms. ShiAnne Smith-Veach was selected as the September 2009 Student of the Month. She is a senior at Mill Creek High School and has been a member of Upward Bound since she was a freshman. ShiAnne is a previous recipient of this award and has received two student of the month awards from her high school. She likes to volunteer with different events including the 2008 Chickasaw Foundation Cultural Evening.



ShiAnne Smith-Veach

ShiAnne plans to attend East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma after graduating high school. She would like to pursue a degree in sports medicine and become a teacher or

coach. She hopes to someday marry, raise a family and own a ranch.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation is greatly appreciative to employees who elected to donate to the Foundation through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan (ECCP). We will mail receipts to ECCP participants who contributed over \$250 to the Foundation during 2009. We will also issue receipts for those who contributed other amounts upon request. You may contact our office by calling (580) 421-9030 or by e-mail at ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make a difference in the lives of others!

"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service" - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Chickasaw Foundation Friends of the Foundation Reception



Jeremy Wallace is shown with the blow gun and dart set he recently donated to the Chickasaw Foundation art auction set for November 13.

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction during

the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 13, 2009. Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the foundation and its scholarship program.

In 2007 we established the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). This reception is held annually to recognize donors and volunteers and the auction.

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

This list of Chickasaw veterans is published as part of Veterans’ Day observances to honor those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces of the United States.
All Chickasaw veterans are eligible to receive a jacket and a medal recognizing and commemorating their service.
For information or assistance, or to add a Chickasaw veteran who does not appear on this list, call (580) 226-4821 or 1-888-808-9508 (toll free).

Veterans List

* Deceased
Abbott, Monroe—Army Sgt.
Adcock, David Eugene – Army
Adkins, William Powell Jr. –Navy Signalman First Class
Alberson, Steven
Ahtone, Mary – Army E-3
Aldridge, Gene – Army Cpl.
Aldridge, Phillip – Navy Cmdr.
Allen, Franklin Dee – Army Sgt.
Allison, Matt – Navy
Allison, Robert Wade – Army
Allison, Heath
Andrews, Earl L.*--Army WWII
Andrews, Vernon, R.—Army 1st Cavalry WWII
Anoatubby, Russell – Air Force AIC
Anthony, James L. – Air Force
Apala, Michael – Air Force Reserve
Archer, Brian D. – Army National Guard
Armstrong, Kerry M. – Army
Arpelar, Eugene R. – Navy Korean Conflict
Asbury, Ed –Army WWII
Atkins, Dave
Bailey, Larry WWII
Baker III, Colbert L. – Marines E-5
Baker, John Brunt – Air Force 1 Lt.
Baker, Colbert L. (Bud) – Navy Lt.
Baker, Bradford S. – Army E-5
Ballard, Joe R. – Navy
Ballard, Richard E. - Army
Baptiste, Arch - Army
Barber, Terry Paul
Barker, Terry Paul - Army
Barnoski, Matthew - Air Force
Barrick, Brad – OK Army National Guard Spl.
Bateman Jr., Carl G.
Bateman Jr., Carl Grayden – Army / OARING Capt. Unit 2B 180 Inf.
Beck, Eddie*--Army Vietnam Era
Beck, Eddie G. - Army
Beck, Jimmy—Army Vietnam Era
Beck, Tommy—Army Vietnam Era
Beck, Melissa, Marie – Navy E3
Benson, Billy – Army Air Troop Cpl.
Bergen, Marcie Anne - Army
Berna, Amber
Beshirs, Joe – Navy – Seaman 1st Class
Beshirs, Larry Dale
Blankenship, Charles – Army
Blevins, Bobby (Bob-O) G. - Marine
Blocker, Bruce C—Navy/Air Force WWII
Blocker, Edward L.—Air Force
Blocker, Ronald O.—Air Force Somalia – Desert Storm
Bloomer, Donald R.—Air Force
Bolen, Joseph—Army WWI
Bomboy, John – Army Spc. 4th Class
Bond, Curtis* --Army
Bond, George—Army WWII
Bond, Larry—Army
Bonham, John Maytubby – Army 2 Lt.
Brassfield, Earl Ray
Britt, Charley - Army Quartermaster Corp, WWII
Brooksher, Larry, Army Private
Bromley, Alicia M. – Air Force
Brower, Kelly
Brower, Kelly Homer – Navy
Brown, Jerry L.
Brown, Kennedy - Army
Brown, Leon – Army Sgt.
Brown, Louie – Army Sgt.

Brown, Milton – Air Force Sgt.
Brown, Clelie Rodney – Navy
Brown, Jimmie Ray – Army
Brown, Henry W. – Army E-4
Brown, Lester * – Army
Brown, Larry – Navy
Brown Jr., Otto – Army
Brown, Jerry – Navy
Browning, Samuel – Army/Airforce/Navy
Browning, Zane – Army/Airforce
Browning, Joseph – Army
Browning, Winston M.*--Marines Lance Cpt.
Browning, Kenneth D.* - Army PFC
Browning, George W. * - Army Sgt.
Bruton, Scott Alan - Marines
Burkhart, Bernard – Army Sgt. E-5
Burkett, Robert O. – Army, Air/Cor – WWII
Burkett, Gordon Willis – Air Force CWO-2
Burkett, Richard
Burks, Rocky A. – Air Force
Burks, Rocky A. – Air Force E-4 Vietnam Era
Burney Jr. Clay P. - Army
Burris, Monroe
Burris, Eson *– Army WWI
Burton, Richard – Army Lt. Col- Vietnam Era
Buzzard, Debra G. – Army E-4
Bryant, Tommy Lee—Air Force Vietnam Era
Burnett, Billy D. – Air Force, Captain WWII and Korea
Burton, Richard
Byars, Harrison
Byers, Jerry Duane – Air Force Major
Bynum, Art—Army Korean War Air Photographer/Pilot
Bynum, Joseph R.—Army WWII Cpl.
Bynum, Lola—Air Force WWII Cpt.
Bynum, Murle C.—Navy Korean War
Bynum, Ray C.—Navy WWII
Byrd, Roy Neal—Army WWI Cpl.
Byrd, Roy Neal Jr.—Army
Campbell, Roy Lee – Army
Capes, Bennie G.* - Navy WWII
Capes, David* --Army Korean War
Capes, Robison* -- Army Korean War
Capes, Walter – Navy Sea Bees Seaman 1st Class
Cardinal, Leo Jr. – Air Force Air 1st Class
Carroll, Frank Charles Vietnam and Korean Conflict
Carroll, Joe WWII
Carroll, Jeffery Joe Vietnam and Korean Conflict
Carter, George W.—Army WWII and Korean Conflict
Carter, V.C. – Marines Cpl
Carter, Woodrow - Army-Navy 1st Class
Carter, Virgil E.—Marines Corporal
Carter, Franklin Delene – Army
Cathcart, Billy W.—Air Force
Catoe, Rusty Colbert - Navy
Chase, Danny—Air Force Vietnam Era
Chase, Grove—Navy WWII
Chase, Kennen—Marines Vietnam Era
Chase, Richard—Marines Vietnam Era
Chambers, John W. – Army
Chambers, John W. Jr. - Army
Cheadle, Overton – Navy 1st Class Petty Officer
Cheadle, Robert M. – Marines – Vietnam Era
Cheadle, Tammie
Christie, Franklin D. – Army E-5
Christie, Elmer T. – Army
Clark, Donald C.
Clark, Donald R. Korean Era
Clark, Harlon—Coast Guard
Clark, Leslie - Navy
Clark, Samuel – Army Staff Sgt.

Clark Jr., Alex – Air Force
Clow, Angelique Estelle
Cohee, Larry E. – Army N.G. Spec. 5 Discharge
Cohee, Carson – Army Pvt. 1st Class
Cohee, R. C. – Army E-7
Colbert, Bruce Ray - Army
Colbert, James—Marines E4
Colbert Sr., Walter J.—Army
Colbert, Charles H. – Air Force
Colbert Jr., Walter J. – Army
Cole, John – Air Force
Colee, Larry E. – Army
Collins, Leroy - Army
Collins, Virgil Cornelius – Navy
Connelly, John W. - Army Cpl. WWII
Connelly, R.E. – Army PFC Infantry
Connelly, William Ambrose - Army WWI
Cooper, Tom – Army Sgt. 1st Class - Vietnam Era
Courtney Jr., William Brooks * – Navy
Cox, David H.
Coyle, RC. – Marines – Cpl
Crabtree, Roger Dale – Air Force Lt. Col.
Cravatt, Munsy
Cravatt, Lee
Cravatt, Wayne
Crawford, Andrew Phillip – Army
Crawford, Dennis – Army
Craw, Darin A. – Navy
Crow, Lavoyd Lee – Air Force
Crow, Samuel Franklin – Air Force
Culbert Cubby
Cumins, Eddy - Air Force
Cunatubby, Daniel - Army
Curtis, Elmer –Navy WWII
Darter, Ralph – Army Pvt. 1st Class
Davis, Larry Neal - Marines
Davis, Randall, E. – Army
Davis, Micheal A. – Navy
Dawkins, Wallace W. – Army
Dawkins, Wallace Willie – Army WWII
Duckworth, Wiley Jay* - Army WWI
Duckworth, Wiley Joe - Army WWII
Dunn, Billy Joe – Navy Vietnam Era
Dunn, Mike - Army
Dunn, Ray - Army E-5
Dunning, Christy Sue
Durant, Preman John –Army WWI
Durant, Calvin Eugene * (Buck) –Army WWII
Durant, Ethan * – Army, Air Force, WWII
Durant, Albert – Army, WWII
Durant, Calvin Eugene – Army PFC
Duston, Guy - Marines Cpl
Duty, Clint
Duty, David –Marines
Dyer, Buck * – Army
Ebisch, James – Army
Ebisch, Raymond R. –Army, Korean Conflict
Ebisch, William R. –Army, WWII
Edwards, Leon – Navy Sea Bee 2nd Class
Edwards Jr., James M. – Navy
Egge, Walter B. IV—Navy Lt.
Egge, Val Jack – Marines E-3
Ellis, John – Army E-4
Elkins, James – Army NG
Engle, David
Farris, Amos
Farris, George Perrin
Farris, David Thomas
Farris, Joe Weldon
Farve, Emil Jr. – Army
Farve, Kern – Army National Guard
Fillmore, John Warren - Army
Flowers, William – Army
Floyd, D. Rush
Folsom, Charles – Army

Foraker, Bob – OK National Guard
Fox, Larry Don – National Guard E-4
Frazier, Bill – Marines Cpl.
Frazier, Leonard Ray
Frazier, Dennis Jay – Navy E-3
Gabehart, Richard A. – Army
Gaskell, Mary Alice
Gause, Jim – Navy E-5
Gerard, Linda Kay – Navy LTJG
Gibbonns, Casey –Army
Gibson, Lenard
Gilmore, Owen – Coast Guard Boatsman 2nd Class
Glase, Danna Gail – Army E-4
Glassgow, Harry E. – Air Force Lt. Col.
Goforth, Bill – Army Staff Sgt
Goforth, Murray – Navy PN 2nd Class
Goforth, Tom F. – Air Force
Good Jr., Elmer – Nay Apprentice Seamen, M-1
Gooding, Norman Gene - Army
Goodman, Oscar – Army Reserve
Goodman, Roger – Army
Goodman, Charles Edward – OK National Guard 45th Division Cpt.
Goodwin, Billie, J. - Air Force
Gorrell, Dixon – Marines Cpl.
Grace, Jackie C.—Navy Aviation AD2
Graff, Thomas Dean – Navy 2nd Class Q.M. Vietnam Era
Graff, Micheal Lee – Army E-4
Graff, David Wayne – Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Vietnam Era
Green, Carl – Army Spc. 4
Green, James T. – Army Tech 5
Greenwood, Leon –Army Vietnam Era
Greenwood, Robert –Marines Vietnam Era
Greenwood Earl - Marines
Greenwood, Sim – Army Pvt.
Greenwood, Virgil J.
Greer, James R. – Navy
Greer II, Todd D. – Navy OIE
Grellner, Thomas - Navy
Grellner, Tom - Navy
Griffin, John – Army
Griffin, Clyde F. – Army WWII
Grizzle, Dr. John Dale – Army
Grizzle, John Dale II – Army
Grizzle, Robbie W. – Air Force Sgt.
Guardalibene, Chuck
Guess, Earnest - Air Force Sgt. WWII
Guiou, Russell Alan – Army National Guard
Haddock, Russell –Navy
Haddock, Nicky M.—Navy
Hammond, Mark –Army Spc 5
Harlin, James Jr. – Air Force Cpt.
Hartwell, Joe – Army Cpl 54th Div.
Hartwell, Edward – Army Sgt
Hartwell, Porter – Army Cpl
Hawkins, Larry – National Guard Major
Hawkins, Joseph C. – Army Pvt.
Hawkins, Kenneth* Vietnam Era
Hawkins, W.O. –Navy WWII
Hawley, Ronald W. Army Vietnam Era
Hawley, R. Michael Navy
Hamilton, Andris
Hamilton, Joseph
Hankey, Don Reid
Harris, Delos – Army WWI
Harris Jr., Robert L. – Marine
Hayes, Don –Army Vietnam
Hayes, Ron - Marines
Hays, Wiliam – Army Spc. 4
Heald, Kenneth Dale – Air Force
Heath, Sandra Kay – Marines
Henderson Jr., Richard S. – Army and Air Force 1 Lt.
Henry, Terry - Army
Henry, Terry F.
Hensley, Harold – Navy Seaman 1st Class
Hensley, Jackie – Army Medical Corp Master. Sgt

Henson, Ivy Navy Seaman 1st Class	Krebbs, Ralph Odell
Hestor, Louis Joe Dean – Army	Lacy, William Herschel
Hestor, Melton G. – Army Pfc.	Lake, Larry G. – Army
Hestor, Cloise “Dean” – Army E-4	Lamark, Alicia M. – Air Force
Hewett, Justin – National Guard	Lampkin, Billy Dean – Army Sgt.
Hewett, Kyle – National Guard	Lance, Glenn –Navy WWII
Hickman, James – Army Lt.	Landreth, Dewey W. - Marines WWII and Korea
Hicks, Deloyd – Navy TM 2	Landreth, Knute* - Army WWII, Korea and Vietnam
Hitchcox, Chester – Marine	Landreth, Knute Jr. - Army Vietnam
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Hodges, James – Army Staff Sgt.	Latta, Lee A. – Navy WWII – Lt.
Hogan, Kenneth L. - Navy	Latta, Lee A. – Navy WWII Lt.
Holder, Johnson	Lattie, James – Marines- Vietnam
Hollopeter, Billy Wolf –Army Vietnam Era	Laughlin, Tommy Eugene
Hollopeter, Wiley Ray –Navy Vietnam Era	Lawson, Benny – Army Sgt.
Holt, Gale B. - Merchant Marines WWII	Leader, Rick – Army
Hyden, Preston—Marines	Leader, James L. – Marine
Inmon, Regina Bond – Air Force	Leslie, Glen Leon * –Army Korean Conflict
Ivey, Lonny D. - Army	Leslie, Harvey L. – Army
Ivey, Ronald D. –Air Force Vietnam Era	London, Clyde C. –Air Force Vietnam-Korea
Jack, Billy – Navy	London, Jeremiah Army
Jackson, Floyd* Korean War	London, Larry—Navy
Jackson, Reynolds H. - Marines	London, Gary –Army
James A. Howard – Army PFC	London, Murphy Lee – Army
James, Alvin – Army PFC 1st Class Vietnam, Korean wars	Longacre, J.C. – Air Force
James, Overton –Navy, Navy Reserve, OK National Guard	Love, L. D. Army Pvt.
James, Jimmy	Love, Lester – Marines-PFC
James, Gilbert W. - Navy	Love, Rici G. – Air Force
Jefferson, Gene	Lowrance Jr. Oscar * – Coast Guard
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Jennings, Harold R. – Navy WWII	Lyda, Dottie – Army – Captain
Jennings, Jimmie D. – Army Pfc.	Lyda, Tommy
Johnson, Bobby – Navy E-4	MacDonald, George Daniel – Army
Johnson, Calvin – Army Pvt.	Malaney, Dennis – Army
Johnson, George – National Guard Staff Sgt.	Malaney, Jerry - Army
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Johnson, James –Air Force Sgt.	Marris, John W.
Johnson, Rusty L.—Navy Desert Storm	Maupin, Stephen –Air Force
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Johnston, William C. – Army WWII	Maytubby, Army - WWI
Johnston, Jerry M.	Maytubby, Lymon J. - Army Captain - Vietnam Era
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Jones, Doug – Air Force	Maytubby, Benny – Army
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Jones, Billy L. – Air Force	Maytubby, David Allen
Jones, Purman - Army	Maytubby, Samuel Winchester
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Kale, Kenneth M. –Navy Korean War	McCurtain, Jerry
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Keel, Lewellyn – Air Force Sgt.	McDonald, Alma Ellen (Carvel) - Navy
Keel, Tommy Vietnam Era	McKellop, Cody - U.S. Army
Keel, Leland David – Army	McKellop, Cody Kim
Keel, David Stenson - Marine	McKellop. Louie
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Kemp, Joe Carr –Army WWII and the Korean War	Mead, Billy – Army
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Kemp, Robert Joe – Army Corporal	Mellor, William Bruce* - Army Korea 40th Infantry Division
Kennedy, Elmer Curtis –Navy WWII	Melville, Newton –Navy
Kennedy, Patrick –Navy	Metzger, Steven - Army
Kennedy, William D.—Navy WWII	Miller, Bobby William
Kimberlin, Dave – Navy	Miller, Colson Thomas Jr. –Navy
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Kincaid, Roy Sullivan –Air Force	Mitchell, Jay - National Guard Chief Warrant Officer
Kinney, Mack – Army Sgt.	Mitchell, V.D. – Marines Gunnery Sgt.
Kline, Tommy - Navy WWII	Moody, Steven Douglas – Army
Knight, James L. – Lt. Col., Army	Moore, James D. L. Jr.

Moore, Tommy L.
Moore, Merle E. – Air Force
Moore, Victor Ray – Air Force E-5
Moore, Alexander K. – Air Force Reserve / Marine
Morin, Lavern P. P.F.C.
Morris, Steven E. –Army Vietnam Era
Morris, William E.—Navy Vietnam Era
Mose, Dorsey
Mowdy, James Keith
Mulligan, Lura
Mutz, Louis Platoon Sergeant
Neal, Mouzon, E. - Army WWII
Neal, Rev. Oliver B. Jr.
Neal, Oliver B. III - Army Vietnam Era
Neasbitt, John Talley *– Army
Ned, Morris – Army
Ned, Morris Aubrey
Ned, Morris Homer
Ned, Morris Ridgely - Army
Ned, William, Navy – E-5
Ned-Deal, Amanda
Nelson, Franklin - Army
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Norman, J.D. – Army/Navy GM2/MSG
Norman, Jerry
Norman, Weldon – Army 1st Class
Norton, Joe Allen – National Guard
Norman, Harley Curtiss - Navy
Norvell, John – Army SP-4
Norvell, Perry – Marines Pvt.
Norvell, Glynn – Army Sgt.
Nowlin, Gary W. - Army
Nowlin, Phillip - Army
Nowlin, Raymond L.* - Army Korean War
Nowlin, Raymond L. - Marines
Nowlin, Steve W. - Army Drill Sgt.
Orphan, Rita – Navy E-3
Orphan, Levi – Army Airborne Master-Sergeant
Orphan, Ray
Orr, Joe – Army – SFC
Owens, Frank – Army PFC
Owens, Benny – Air Force Private
Owens, Johnny (Buck) Korean War
Palmer, Eddie
Palmer, Frank Benjamin – Army
Palmer, Chris
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Patton, Johnny Boyd – Air Force
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Paul, Stephen S. –Marines
Paul, Tommy Allen – Army
Paul, William D. Marines – Vietnam
Payne, Jerry –Navy
Percival, Howard – Navy CB 2nd Class
Perkins, James - Army
Perry, Jim – Army S-4 Sgt
Perry, Lee Roy – Army National Guard
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Pershica, M.F. – Army Private-Combat Engineer
Perschica, Harrison McLane *– Army Korean Conflict
Pettenridge, Charlie
Pettigrew, William – Air Force Cpl.
Pettigrew, Thomas Allen Caston – Marine Pvt.
Phillips, Raymond Leon – Army Cpt.
Pich, Charles
Pich, Clyde James - Army
Pich, David –Army Vietnam Era
Pich, Jackie R.
Pich, Joseph
Pich, Michael
Pich, Randall

Pich, Roger L.
Pich, Russell
Pickens, Dave* - WWI
Pickens, John Thomas* - Marine Corps - Korea
Pickens, Sherman Craig - Navy
Pike, Bennie A.
Pittman, Kenneth – Army PFC
Pittman, Robert J
Poe, David – National Guard Staff Sgt.
Poe, J.C. – National Guard – Staff Sgt. E6
Polk, Tommy Dean
Poteat, Micheal – Army
Powell, Clifford Alan – Army Spc. 4
Powell, Joel Preston, Sr. – Army
Powell, Johnny Thomas – Navy
Powell, Robert Lynn – Army Spc. 4
Powell Jr., Preston – Army Air Force
Powell, Cecil Coy – Army
Powell, Kenneth Eugene – Air Force
Powell, Robert David – Army
Powell, John Blair –Air Force
Powell, Roy Bert WWI
Powell, Vernon Ellis –Air Force
Price, Larry Joe – Navy
Price Jr., Theron – Army and National Guard
Puller, John – Army Tech
Puller Jr., Jackson – Army Sgt.
Pulliam, Elliott – Army PFC
Pulliam, Marvin – Army E-4
Quincy, W.W. (Bill) Jr. WWII
Quick, David Thomas – Air Force Msqt.
Rainner, Charles
Ramsey, Tecumseh – Army – Staff Sgt.
Rankin III, Hugh Bennett – Air Force
Ratliff, John*
Ray, Brian Wade - Navy
Ray, Jerry
Reams, Ms. Terri – Air Force, Air National Guard
Ream IV, Robert L. - Navy
Reed, Mike
Reed, Warren – Army, Air Force Sgt.
Reed, Hiawatha – T/5
Reed, Paul – Army – PFC
Reich, Dana –Army
Renfro, Gary Don - Army
Rich, Perry - Marines
Richards, Charles – Army VetCorp Sgt.
Richardson, Johnny – Army Private
Rider, Anthony “Tony” - Marines
Ridley, Jerry – Army – Cpl.
Riggs, Darral Wayne – Navy
Ringer, Charles W. – Navy RM2
Ringer, Charles W. – Navy RM5 Vietnam Era
Roberts, Brenda
Roberts, Hubert Dennis – Air Force
Roberts, Hubert Dennis Jr. – Air Force
Rodden, Jimmy - Army
Rodke, R.B. WWII
Rolin, Roy WWII – Korean
Roller, Greg – Coast Guard
Ross, Herman Wilson* - WWI
Ross, Bob – Army Sgt.
Saiser, Richard R. - Air Force FAC-interpreter Vietnam Era
Sanders, James Hugh
Sanders, Micheal Edwards – Marine
Sanders, Steven Jessie – Navy
Sanders, Larry Ray – Army Msqt.
Sands, Johnny Ray
Scoggin, Henry B.* - StaffSgt. WWII
Scott, Bill –Army Korean War
Scott, Carter –Army Korean War
Scott, Jimmie - Army Reserve Major Iraq
Scribner, Theodore Roosevelt - Army Major Vietnam
Sealey, Lenard

Sealy, Ben
Seeley, Bernie – Army SSG
Seeley, Joseph Booth * – Army Sgt. WWII
Seely, Leslie
Sealey, Gerald – Navy E-5
Sharpe, Mack Marines
Shavney, Beulah M. – Army Aux Corp Gene
Shearer, Philip Rannel – Army National Guard
Shields, Charles – Army
Shields, Homer - Army
Shico, Donald * Vietnam Era
Shipman, D.C. —Army WWII
Shipman, Floyd – T-5
Shipman, Gail Scott -Air Force WWII
Shipman, Thad * -Air Force
Smith, Calvin C.
Smith, E.R. Jr.—Army 1st Sgt. WWII, Korean War
Smith, Frank -Marines
Smith, Harris Stephen II
Smith, Kenneth D.* - Air Force
Smith, Thomas N. - Navy Vietnam Era
Smith, Vera
Snider, Elisha Jeremy - Army
Snyder, Brian Karl - Army Artillery - Vietnam Era
Snyder, Clifford Gene- Army - Vietnam Era
Sperry, Clarence E. – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Joe Frank – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Robert D. - Marine
Spivey, Hubert Girwood - Army
Spivey, J. Bryan
Spradlin, Joshua P. - Navy Master of Arms Seaman Apprentice
Spradling, Jason –Army Persian Gulf
Squires, Richard E.—Marines
Stephens, James R. -Navy E1
Stephens, Theea
Stephenson, Thomas, - Air Force
Stevenson, Charles—Army/Air Force
Stephenson, George L. – Air Force/Navy
Stick, Martin C. Jr. – Marines
Stick, Harold
Still, Jessie Lee
Still, Joel
Stinson, Albert J. * – Army Sgt. WWII
Stinson, Felix C. * – Army T-5 WWII
Stout, David Ray –Army Vietnam
Straughn, Marlin
Straughn, Barry Vernon – Air Force
Straughn, Garry - Army
Strickland, J.W. – Navy
Stuart, H. Elvin – Marine Vietnam Era
Sumpter, Gary Lee Jr. -Air Force Reserves
Surber, Dan – Army Korean War
Surber, Frank – Army Korean War
Suggs, Harwood D. -Army WWII
Sweet, Bobby -Marines Vietnam Era
Sweet, Jerry -Marines Vietnam Era
Sweet, David
Swift, Ronald William - Navy
Swinney, Roy Harvey—Navy
Tabor Jr., Marvin T. – Air Force
Tabor, Marvin T. * – Army WWII / Air Force – Korean Conflict
Talley, William (Bill)—Army Corporal
Tedore, Lori D.—Air Force
Thomas, Heck Andrew
Thomas, James Calvin – Army
Thomas, John -Navy Desert Storm
Thomas, Heck Andrew * – Army WWII
Thomas, Carl Eugene – Navy
Thomas, Alvin Euguen - Navy
Thompson, Ronald Dean - Army
Tippen, Robert, II – TX Air National Guard
Toole, Sherwood –Army WWII
Trimmer, Wayne Lee (Bud) - Navy
Trimmer, Wayne – Navy E-4

Tucker, Tommy - Navy
Tune, Dennis, Larry - Navy
Tune, Leslie Lynn
Turnbull, Albert -Army WWI
Turnbull, Raymond -Army WWII
Turner, Jeffery L. -Marines
Tyson, Larry James
Underwood, Benjamin – Air Force
Underwood, Cecil H. -Army
Underwood, David -Army
Underwood, David Lynn - Army
Underwood, J.H. -Army WWI
Underwood, James -Army Vietnam Era
Underwood, Jerry -Air Force
Underwood, Rachel -National Guard
Underwood, Sampson—Air Force E-6
Underwood, Shawn— Iraq
Underwood, Thedo (Ted)
Underwood, Fred – Army National Guard
Vale, John—Air Force
Victor, Alfred Civil War
Von Tungeln, Micheal – Marines
Walcott, Jack T. – Air Force
Walker, James Charles Korean War
Walker, William Dugles—Navy Seaman Second Class
Walker, Wordley -National Guard,Army Private 1st Class
Walker, David B. – Army National Guard
Wallace, Clarence -Air Force Airman 1st Class
Wallace, Ludie -Army PFC
Walton, Ervin—Army Vietnam Era
Walton, Ervin Hosey – Army
Ward, William M. – Army Spc 4
Warren, Teddy L. – Air Force
Washburn, Tracy – Army
Washburn, Darrell L. – Army
Webb, Bryan Christopher – Air Force E-4
Wells, Billy Amon—Air Force Master Sergeant
Wells, Homer Dee – Air Force
Wells, Morgan --Navy Seaman 1st Class
Willis Sr., Paul Allen – Navy
Willis Jr., Paul Allen – Navy
Wilson, Jackie Dee - Navy
Whitfield, Marion—Navy AOM/1C
Whitfield, Michael
Whitfield, Jack—Navy AOM 3C
Whitfield, Billie
Whitfield, Billy—Army
White, Walter Ross -Army WWII Cpl.
Wilcox, Jobelle - Navy Nurse WWII
Willard, Gaylan – Army
Williams, Robert – Air Force
Williamson, Arthur—Army WWI
Williamson, Daniel—Army Vietnam-Korea
Williamson, Daniel—Army Spanish American War
Williams, Jacqueline—Army Persian Gulf
Williamson, Jay—Navy Persian Gulf
Williamson, John -Army Somalia-Iraq
Williamson, Shawn -Marines
Williford, John -Army Air Corp WWII
Williford, Lawrence E. -Navy WWII
Williford, Samuel F. -Army WWII
Willis, Jared -Army Iraq
Willis, Van—National Guard Private 1st Class
Willis, Ben -Navy 3rd Class
Wilson, Dustin
Wilson, Joseph P. - Army E-5 Vietnam Era
Wilson, Rex—Marines
Wilson, Rick
Wisdom, Lige
Wisdom, Noah* WWII
Wisdom, Noah Jr. – Army
Wolf, Leo * – Army WWII
Woods, Robert* Vietnam Era
Woods, Jerry Dale – Air Force

LIST OF CHICKASAW VETERANS

- Wooley, Robert – Korean Veteran

Worcester, Frank

Worcester, Lester

Worcester, Melvin

Worcester, Michael

Worcester, Roy

Word, Estill
- Wynne, Jimmy – Marines Sgt. Desert Storm - Army Staff Sgt.

Wright, Jesse –Army Iraq

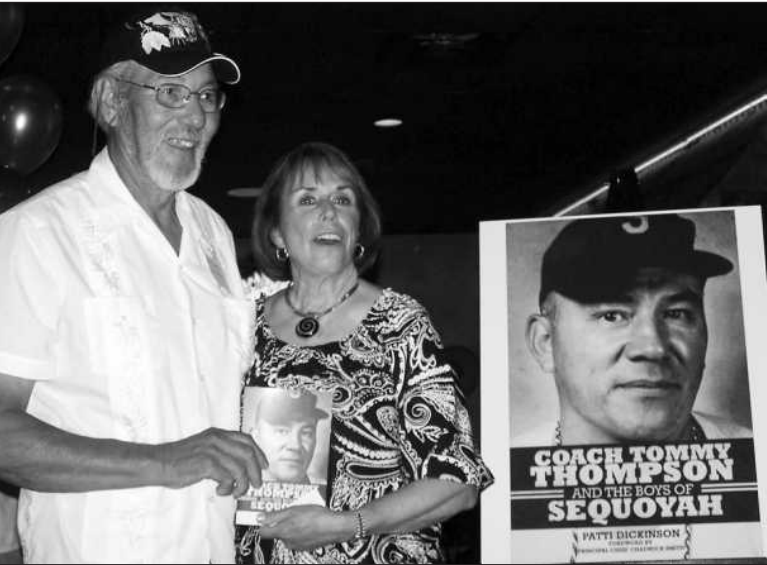
Wright, George Weldon – Army National Guard

Wright, Ethan Andrew – Navy BMSN

Yoakum, Woodrow - Army Seventh Corp 951st F.A.

Yoakum, Woodrow W. – Army M1 Sgt.

‘Tommy Thompson’ chronicles life of Sequoyah coach



Chickasaw citizen John Anderson and author Patti Dickinson at Tahlequah, OK book signing for “Coach Tommy Thompson and the Boys of Sequoyah.”

A recently-published book chronicles the life of a Cherokee counselor and coach who impacted the lives of many boys attending Indian boarding schools.

Coach Tommy Thompson and the Boys of Sequoyah tells the tale of coach and counselor Tommy Thompson during his 11 years at Sequoyah Indian School. The author is Cherokee writer Patti Dickinson and the book was published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Coach Thompson was just 11 when he entered Sequoyah in 1915. He would return in 1947 to teach boys the values and

skills they would need to be successful in life.

The book contains many first-hand accounts from the “boys,” as well as tales of the success of the Sequoyah football program.

“Anyone with a heart will enjoy reading the story of Coach Tommy Thompson and his work with the students and football teams at Sequoyah Indian School,” author Robert J. Conley said. “It’s an inspiring story with great morals to teach, but with a sad, human side as well, as Thompson’s personal struggles are not glossed over.”

Coach Tommy Thompson and the Boys of Sequoyah can be found on Amazon.com, or can be ordered directly from the Press at (405) 325-3000.

For an autographed copy, order from Patti Dickinson at pattid1520@comcast.net

IKI

(Chickasha for “Father”)

Glistening silver hair as he sits in the sunlight
Listening to his radio and the football highlights
Sitting in his chair on the front porch
Lighting a cigarette without getting scorched

Every evening wanting a ride to the store
Walking to the car and opening the door
Going and going to not be bored
Meeting his friends at the senior site
Setting the tables so everything is right
Waiting on friends to show
Playing bingo and dominoes

Happy when he wins
He comes home with a grin
He talks about the old times
Working for pennies and dimes
Hard work for a minority
Never showing any authority

Mom left so he could get his life right
Never coming back always out of sight
Memories of family and friends in his life
Remembering the hardships spent with his wife
Taking each day minute by minute
Praying to the creator to keep her in it
Keeping promises he had made
For he chose to abrade
Scores of issues so he prayed and prayed

Written for my Iki- Merle C. Stick, Sr.
I love you Dad, you are a great Iki.
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5 Things You Need to Know About Diabetes

1. Diabetes treatment is more than just a good blood sugar value.

Diabetes treatment involves a healthy lifestyle, exercise and weight management. Diabetes treatment also includes controlling your blood pressure, cholesterol and having a happy, positive attitude toward life. All of these things matter, and all improve both the quality of life and the length of life.

2. Diabetes is mainly a disease of the blood vessels of the body.

Heart disease and stroke are the two main risks a diabetic patient faces. Kidney failure, eye disease and nerve damage do occur, but they are not as common as atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. Avoiding these problems and living a normal, healthy life is not only possible, but is also likely...if your blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar are controlled, and if exercise is part of your everyday activity. If you are not able to go to a gym, you can still exercise. Exercise includes walking and making an overall effort to do more activity every day, one day at a time. Easy ways of getting more exercise, include parking farther away from the store, walking to the mailbox and walking to your coworkers' office to give them a message.

3. A diabetic diet includes a variety of good food.

A diabetic diet is a healthy diet of fresh foods, fruits, vegetables, grains, nuts and lean meats. A diabetic diet includes many options, and is not

limited...other than avoiding "junk" food and foods high in sugar content.

4. Pre-diabetes is a condition in which blood sugar is above normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes.

If not treated, pre-diabetes most often leads to type 2 diabetes. People with pre-diabetes are also at higher risk for heart disease and stroke. It is estimated that 57 million adults ages 20 and older have pre-diabetes. Of these, almost one million American Indians have pre-diabetes, and many are undiagnosed.

5. Fortunately, you can prevent or delay pre-diabetes from developing into type 2 diabetes by adopting the same healthy lifestyle used to treat diabetes.

This healthy lifestyle includes losing a moderate amount of weight (10% of body weight) and maintaining that weight loss, and by adopting moderate exercise of 30 minutes per day, five times per week.



Pauline Rodke, of Paoli, Okla., has her blood sugar checked at the diabetes care center booth.

The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center offers many programs to aid in the prevention and treatment of diabetes. For more information on the diabetes care center, call (580) 421-4532.

Health Fair



Alex Catoe, of Hamilton, Texas, has his blood pressure checked at the 2009 Health Fair.



Cheryl Hood shares program information with Rebecca Collins, of Ardmore, Okla.

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Tai-Chi and injury prevention



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Hazardous waste collection



Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services Department Brandon Prince, right, helps collect old paint at last month's Household Hazardous Waste Collection event conducted in Ada. Several tribal employees pitched in and helped at this annual event, which gives local residents a chance to safely dispose of potentially dangerous household materials and chemicals.

Artist Mike Larsen suffers heart attack

Dear Editor:

Two weeks ago on a Sunday morning at two o'clock I woke up with chest pains.

The pain was not bad but would not let me go back to sleep. I got Martha up and we went to the ER in Stillwater. They did an EKG on me and determined I was having a heart attack.

I stayed several days in the hospital there then was transported to the Mercy Heart Hospital where surgery followed.

Well, we are back home. I will be fine in a few weeks. I could have ignored the pain and waited for morning hoping it would pass. It would have been only a few hours, Martha would have never known and I would have died.

I would ask you, brothers and sisters, to pay attention to what your body tells you. Get a checkup - the tribe will help.

I will never be able to thank all the Chickasaw who prayed for me and sang for me. May this letter do what it can to reach those people and thank them.

Mike & Martha Larsen
Perkins, OK

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Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook

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November 18: 10 a.m. and noon
November 19: 6 p.m.
December 2: 10 a.m. and noon
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December 10: 6 p.m.
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

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is a national campaign to encourage patients to be informed and take an active role in communicating with their health care team.

Visit www.chicresources.net

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1699: France enters Lower Mississippi Valley

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Author's Note: A Series of Three Consequential Centennials. Largely by coincidence, the years 1699, 1799, and 1899 all were momentous years in Chickasaw history. For this and the next two issues of the Chickasaw Times, these years will be featured.

Introduction: The competition for dominance in North America between New England and New France heated up in 1689. This resulted in an on-again, off-again war that lasted until 1697 and wound up as a tie. Then, two years later, New France decided to up the ante by competing with the English in the Lower Mississippi River Valley.

Setting the Stage

French crews sailed into a large bay (Mobile) and discovered the remains of about 60 Indian people who appeared to have been massacred by Indians with guns in their now abandoned village. Their commander, Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville, gave the order to set sail. Further west, the two ships put in at an island in another bay that would subsequently be named for the Indians they encountered living thereabouts, the Biloxi.

The French were looking for a suitable location to build a town and fort to serve as a capital of France's colony of Louisiana. The idea was to establish fortifications on the Gulf Coast and up the Mississippi River (if they could find its mouth), which would link Louisiana to the northern colonies of New France. France's goal was to check or counter the spread of the English influence among the interior tribes west of England's colony of Carolina, founded nearly 30 years before in 1670.

From the island (now known as Ship's Island), the would-be French colonists sailed in smaller boats to the mainland, and there they decided to establish a town, which became Biloxi, and Fort Maurepas. They also met some Biloxi Indians, and within a few days, members of three small tribes and some Chickasaws joined them in early May 1699. The tribes were identified by an 18-year-old carpenter, Andre Penicaut, who began recording what he saw and heard in his journal.

He didn't differentiate the tribes or name any individuals. But only nine years later in 1708, we learn from English officer Thomas Nairne the names of two war chiefs, which he spelled as Oboystabee and Chincoboy Micho, and a civil chief, Fattalamee. It is certainly possible that one or more of these leaders would have been on hand to meet the French, especially if their objective was to develop a settlement.

Penicaut did provide glimpses of their first three days together. In the traditional welcoming or calumet ceremony, he wrote that the Indians began singing and advancing toward Iberville to offer him the calumet (smoking pipe). A non-smoker, Iberville would not risk offending his hosts, so he puffed on the pipe with feathers attached to its long stem.

Continuing the ceremony, the Indians "rubbed white dirt over the faces" of Iberville, his brother Bienville, and several other officers. Penicaut interpreted this as a "mark of honor." More likely, the white dirt or chalk was symbolic of peace. Over the three days, the Indians sang and danced three times each day to rhythms provided by gourd rattles and drums.

The ceremony was capped on the third day when the Indians hoisted up Iberville and carried him to a clearing where he was lowered onto a deer skin. Then, from behind him, one of the chiefs put his hands on



La Salle proclaims the lower Mississippi Valley to be the French colony of Louisiana. The Chickasaws sail by wondering what's going on. They wouldn't find out for almost 20 years.

Painting by Tom Phillips

Iberville's shoulders and began rocking him. The other officers took seats on deer skins provided for them so that they could watch a performance that was meant to impress them.

Carrying a bow and quiver of arrows and brandishing a wooden war club, several Indians took turns striking a stake imbedded in the ground. Each strike was followed by a recitation of the warrior's battlefield exploits. Some of the stories may have been exaggerated as Penicaut wrote that some warriors were accused by their peers and even by women of telling "big lies." It would be interesting to know if these embellishers were trying to impress each other, or the women, or both?

Iberville ordered an assortment of trade goods to be displayed. These included guns, ammunition, knives, mirrors, combs, kettles and other utensils, cloaks, hats, shirts and jewelry. Doubtless to impress the Indians, the French fired the guns and Penicaut wrote that the Indians "shrank back from the fear of them."

It is most improbable that the Chickasaws present exhibited such fear because they had been firing English-supplied guns for their own purposes and those of their English trading partners for a few years and possibly many years prior.

Anglo/Chickasaw Trade Alliance

We don't know exactly when English traders began supplying guns to Chickasaws. The available literature is sketchy and inconclusive; it could have been as early as the 1670s or as late as the 1690s.

While we don't know when, we do know why. Guns greatly enhanced the Chickasaws' ability to capture Indian slaves and kill deer, both commodities the English wanted in large numbers to work their Caribbean sugarcane plantations and for clothing items, respectively.

Of course, the Chickasaws didn't just want the guns to do the bidding of the English. Guns provided the means to tip the balance of power in the relatively small tribe's favor against their gun-less enemies. If they didn't accept the guns, the English would supply them to other tribes in return for slaves and deer-skins. The English previously had supplied the Westo Indians, who used the firepower in slave raids on tribes near the coast. When the Westo proved difficult for the English to control, the English armed the Savannah Indians, who subdued the formerly dominant Westos.

As the Chickasaws were quite independent, not all of them would have favored an alliance with the English. Some undoubtedly favored having nothing to do with the traders and soldiers; others probably thought they should kill the first traders as a warning to stay away. One or more of the prophets known as hopayi may have warned the tribe of the destruction that would befall them for dealing with such dishonorable men. That they considered the English in a negative light may have been a prophecy, or news about the English-induced chaos via their agents, the Westos, on neighboring tribes. Or it may have been remembered stories about their Chikasha ancestors' contact in 1540 with the murderous Hernando de Soto.

How did the tribe decide what to do? We have no descriptions of Chickasaw government in the 1680s and '90s, but we do less than a generation later in 1708 when Thomas Welch brought English officer Thomas Nairne to the Chickasaws for a visit. Nairne wrote: "Plato nor no other writer of Politicks even of the most republican principles, could never contrive a Government where the equality of mankind is more Just observed than here among the Savages."

So it is likely that after everyone had his say, arguing that guns were essential to tribal survival or the means to its destruction, a consensus emerged to trade with the English.

When the French arrived in 1699, this faction may have renewed its argument against trading with naahollo (white people). But some of them probably had to think again, given that the English of the colony of Carolina were a trading partner, and the likelihood that the French, this time, had come to stay.

Historic French Goals

Chickasaws were mindful that French explorers, looking for the mouth of the Mississippi River, had sailed south to Chickasaw Bluffs (today's Memphis, TN) and encountered some Chickasaws there. The first were Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet in 1674. Their records stated that some Indians, possibly the Chickasaws, were already armed.

Then, in 1682, Robert La Salle and his men appeared, probably asking for directions to the river's mouth, and while they were at it, proclaiming the lower Mississippi River Valley henceforth to be the new French colony of Louisiana (named for the French king.) This is depicted in a painting by the late Chickasaw artist Tom Phillips. As La Salle makes his proclamation near

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the banks of the big river, some Chickasaws sail past wondering what is going on.

In 1699—approaching from the south for the first time—the French seemed determined to discover the river's mouth. That way they could map the route from their New France colonies in the northeast to the Gulf Coast. Moreover, if the other naahollo, the English in Carolina, were any example, the French meant to finish what La Salle started by colonizing Louisiana.

If so, that presented certain advantages to the tribe. Because the Chickasaws made it their business to travel widely—mainly by river—for trade, diplomacy and revenge, it is probable that the Chickasaws knew that the English and French were rivals.

The French presented the Chickasaws an extraordinary opportunity to obtain trade goods from both colonial powers. And with skillful manipulation, the tribal diplomats could obtain better prices and probably more and higher quality gifts. They particularly needed more guns and ammunition for offensive and defensive purposes against enemy tribes, especially the Choctaws, with whom the Chickasaw shared a border and had been warring with. The first step to such an alliance was meeting Iberville, and that's undoubtedly why the small Chickasaw party was there.

Right Man, Right Time

Iberville had the right attributes to accomplish France's colonial aims. He was intelligent, energetic, resourceful, ambitious, and either culturally sensitive or smart enough to know the value of appearing to be. And he had a plan that if fully implemented would work, he thought, to secure alliances with both the Chickasaws and the Choctaws.

However, this would be a tall order indeed, and quite possibly a mission impossible. Some Chickasaw slave raids on behalf of the English had been targeted not by the English, but by the Chickasaws at certain Choctaw villages. Lacking guns, the Choctaws, despite their numerical superiority, were at a disadvantage. Still, revenge was a sacred responsibility for both tribes and the aggrieved Choctaws undoubtedly had been raiding Chickasaw villages to exact revenge. So it was unlikely that the war could be halted quickly, if at all.

Iberville intended to address the continuous killing by pointing out to the Chickasaws and Choctaws that the English wanted them to exterminate each other. On the other hand, he intended to prove to them that the French wanted to live among them in peace. An important part of Iberville's plan was the creation of a group of interpreters living in, and learning from, the native cultures.

His previous experience in Canada taught him that learning to speak native languages was vital to making the Indian alliances necessary to the French goals of economic exploitation and saving souls. Following his own admonition to his men, Iberville immediately began learning and speaking the native languages. Consequently, he talked with the people, asked questions, and made observations about Indian culture.

For example, at the three-day ceremony, Iberville expressed fascination with the manner that the Indians built their boats, which was of obvious interest to the carpenter, Penicaut. In his journal, he described the process but didn't identify the tribe of Indians doing the talking. They set fire along the top of a fallen tree. When the fire had smoldered down to the prescribed shape and thickness for a boat, they arrested the burning with mud, scraped the interior with cockle shells and washed the surface with water. The result was a boat as smoothly cleared out as Penicaut said

he could do with tools. Last but not least, Iberville showed at this initial meeting that he knew the value of trade goods and presents to the Indians.

In contrast with this positive behavior, the Carolina governor had paid no visits to their trading partners in the interior. He had remained in Charles Town and apparently expressed little or no interest in the Indians or their culture. As far as the English were concerned, the relationship was strictly business.

This wasn't always so for their agents, the traders. Men like Thomas Welch already had or would soon be living part-time with the Chickasaws and producing children with one or more Chickasaw wives. But this behavior was just a choice by some traders. Iberville's policy was to place French agents in native villages.

Be that as it may, the Chickasaw/English trading alliance in 1699 was well-established and mutually satisfying to most of the Chickasaw warriors because guns enhanced their effectiveness. But Iberville presumably made a good first impression.

Iberville's Mistake

At this critical juncture, Iberville made what I consider to be a mistake. Being a good soldier, he felt that he had to sail back to France to report his findings and make recommendations.

I don't argue with his conclusion, only his timing. When he set sail for France, he left a number of men at the settlement who instead of further cementing good relations with the tribes—especially the Chickasaws and Choctaws—went searching for gold, silver, and copper. Such feverish activity seemed to belie or undermine Iberville's expressed interest in establishing good relations. If he had remained, he could have carried out the much-needed diplomacy with the tribes, even while some of his men sought the means to finance the establishment of the colony of Louisiana.

Instead of finding precious minerals, Iberville's men found much evidence of turmoil in the region. Diseases borne by Europeans had killed large numbers of tribal members located at or near the Gulf Coast. And

the Chickasaws, Alabamas, and Chakchiumas were continuing to attack, kill, and enslave many Quapaws and Choctaws. Probably the attacking tribes had been given extra incentive by the English.

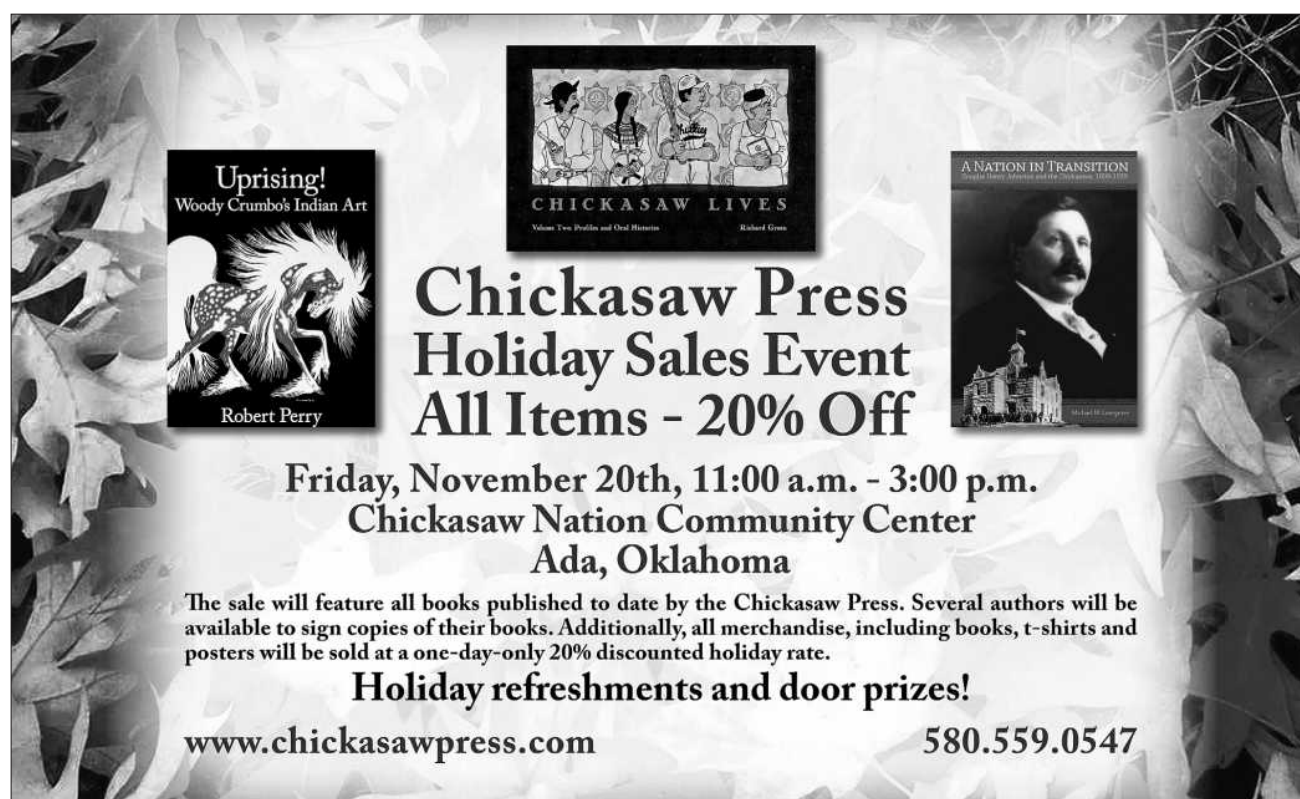
That was the gist of the unhappy report received by Iberville when he returned to Biloxi in 1700.

Postscript: Iberville made progress, establishing the colony and its capital at Mobile, but had little to show for establishing peace between the Chickasaws and Choctaws. Still, he remained optimistic that he could persuade the Chickasaw and Choctaw leaders that continued warfare was not in either tribe's interest. His periodic requests to the French Crown for more supplies and presents for the Indians went largely unheeded, and his superiors kept him in Paris after 1702. Finally, in 1706, Iberville was dispatched to the Caribbean to lead attacks against English colonial possessions. He may have planned to visit Louisiana again afterward, but died of an infectious disease in Havana in 1706. Any hope of a triple alliance, Chickasaw/Choctaw/French, probably died with him.

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5 things you need to know about Native Alliance Against Violence

1. What is NAAV?
A newly formed Native Alliance Against Violence (NAAV) coalition seeking to eradicate violence against women in Native American populations across the state through strong leadership, education and awareness.

The coalition seeks to bring together tribal, state and federal groups whose operations may impact victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This collaboration includes promoting partnerships as well as providing resources, education and training.

2. Who is leading the way?
Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal was elected president of NAAV. Karen Gaddis from the Chickasaw Office of Violence Prevention was named to the advisory board.

3. Statistics.
The Native Alliance Against Violence is a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition targeting Oklahoma's Indian Country and Native Peoples. Oklahoma currently ranks fourth in the nation for domestic violence homicides.

Recent studies have shown American Indians experience, per capita, rates of violence that are much higher than those of the general population and that Native women are twice as likely to be raped as other women in the United States.

4. Who is a part NAAV?
Members from the Chickasaw, Seminole, Creek, Apache, Absentee Shawnee, Quapaw, Choctaw, and Cherokee Nations have joined forces with the Oklahoma Regional Community Policing Institute and Native American Legal Resource Center to comprise the board that will head NAAV.

5. What stage is the coalition in?
NAAV is in its beginning stages. The formation of the Executive Board held their first meeting September 24 and 25 at the Native American Legal Resource Center in Oklahoma City. NAAV is beginning its initial work on goals, objectives and bylaws with an initial focus on future funding needed to continue to the coalition.

Jason O'Neal - president of NAAV

"I am honored to be the President of NAAV. Our women and children deserve to feel safe in their homes, and safe in their communities, and the NAAV will seek to see that they do," Jason O'Neal said Chief O'Neal.



Native Alliance Against Violence board members include, sitting, from left, Shawn Partridge, Dawn Stover, Renee Brewer and Jason O'Neal. Back row from left, Shelley Miller, Kelly Stoner, Heather Napier, Karen Gaddis, Kimberly Stephens and Dee Killion. Not pictured Linda Goodwin and Casey-Ross Petherick.

Karen Gaddis- advisory board member

"It's wonderful to have so many committed individuals who have agreed to dedicate their time and expertise to ensure that Oklahoma Indian Country is represented in a fashion that will be helpful, respectful, and culturally appropriate, while building and developing partnering members," said Karen Gaddis, Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention Manager.



Karen Gaddis

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November is National Adoption Month

'You don't have to be perfect to be a perfect parent'

The Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption Program is reaching out to find several foster care families in Oklahoma and around the country to help make a difference in the lives of Native American children.

November is National Adoption Month, a month set aside to raise awareness about the adoption of children and youth in foster care.

This year's theme is, "You Don't Have to be Perfect to be a Perfect Parent." Adoption is a permanent, life-changing journey for all involved.

Adoption is the legal transfer of parental rights from one parent to another and provides children with a loving, nurturing and stable home.

"Children do not need 'perfect' parents," Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption manager Jeanie Anderson said.

"They need one or more caring and committed individuals willing to meet their needs and to integrate them into a healthy family environment."

Over 200 Chickasaw children are currently in tribal, state and out-of-state custody. With the help of additional tribal resource families, the foster care and adoption program can provide a safe and happy home for these children.

Many of these formerly abused or neglected children and teens will safely reunite with their parents, be cared for by relative, or be adopted by loving families, but others are less fortunate. Every year, older youth "age out" of foster care and are left to face life's challenges.

Last year there were 33 Chickasaw children adopted from the foster care system,

five adoptions through Chickasaw Nation District Court, 19 adoptions of children in state custody and nine adoptions of children who were in out-of-state custody.

Within the Chickasaw Nation there is a great need for adoptive families for older children, teens and sibling groups.

No matter their age, the program stresses that all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives.

"Please consider opening your heart and your home by becoming an adoptive parent," said Anderson. "Chickasaw children are waiting for families to offer them a chance for a stable home on both permanent and temporary basis."

Tribal homes are needed

within the Chickasaw Nation service area as well as throughout the state and around the Country. The Chickasaw Nation especially needs homes in Oklahoma County and Carter County.

For more information or to become an adoptive or foster

parent contact the Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption Program at (580) 272-5550 or visit their offices located at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada, Okla. in the Youth and Family services building.

CONTRIBUTED BY Jeremy Oliver, tribal media relations.

Be a foster care or adoption family!

The Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption program is always looking for appropriate families for children. The following documentation is required:

- Income verification
- Social Security cards
- CDIB
- Auto/home insurance verifications
- Physician's health statement
- Copies of vaccination records for pets
- Five references
- Valid driver's license
- Copy of marriage certificate

OCTOBER 2009 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 27-001
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request to acquire real property, in Davis, Garvin County, Oklahoma, described as:
A tract of land in the SE/4 SE/4 SE/4 of Section (34), Township (1) North, Range (1) East of the IBM, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 100 feet North and 30 feet West of the SE corner of the SE/4; thence North 00°36’23” West and parallel with the East line of the SE/4 a distance of 250 feet; thence South 89°38’10” West and parallel with the South line of SE/4 for a distance of 200 feet; thence South 00°38’23” East and parallel with the East line of SE/4 a distance of 250 feet to a point lying on North Right of Way Line of Highway #7; thence North 89°38’10” East on the North Right of Way line of Highway #7 and parallel with the South line for a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning, LESS AND EXCEPT ALL THE OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: Route 1 Box 108, Davis, Oklahoma
(NW corner of Highway 7 and N3270 Rd.)
Use: To be utilized as additional space to support the Visitors Center.

Presented By: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-002
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as:
All of Lots 20 and 21 in Block 91, Original Ada, Pontotoc County Oklahoma together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: 122 West Main Street, Ada, Oklahoma
Use: To be utilized as additional space to support the McSwain Theater.

Presented By: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-004
Acknowledgment of Formation of Global Gaming LSP, LLC

Explanation: This resolution acknowledges the formation of Global Gaming LSP, LLC by Global Gaming Solutions, LLC as a for profit limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Texas without sovereign immunity for the purpose of operating a horse race track and pari-mutuel betting operation in Grand Prairie, Texas. This resolution repeals, rescinds and replaces GR26-071 enacted by the Legislature on August 21, 2009. This resolution amends the language “casino” in GR26-071 to “pari-mutuel betting

operation.”
Emergency Legislation: The amended language is needed immediately for the negotiations of Global Gaming Solutions LSP, LLC to purchase Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas.
Presented By:Legislative Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
**Permanent Resolution Number PR26-011
Establishment of the Chickasaw Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act**
Explanation: Title 17, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code is amended to establish sex offender registration and notification requirements and procedures for the Chickasaw Nation. There are currently no criminal or civil sex offender registration and notification ordinances established for the Chickasaw Nation. There is a need to establish such ordinances to require sex offenders who reside in, are employed in, or attend school in Indian Country within the territorial jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation to register with the Chickasaw Nation and to keep the public informed regarding sexual offenders in our jurisdiction.
Having elected to function as a registration jurisdiction, the Chickasaw Nation bears the responsibility of implementing sex offender registration and notification decisions and must become substantially compliant with the minimum requirements of the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 2007 by July 27, 2010.
Presented by: Court Development Ad Hoc Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
Abstain: Scott Colbert
Permanent Resolution Number 27-001

**Amendments to Title 2 and Title 7 of the Chickasaw Code
(Education and Education Programs)**
Explanation: This resolution approve amendments to Title 2 and Title 7 of the Chickasaw Code that would allow education to be managed by tribal policy. This change is beneficial to the Chickasaw Nation because it allows the policies and procedures related to education to be more responsive, which facilitates greater efficiency and will enhance the ability of the education programs to meet the needs of the citizens they serve in a proactive, timely and responsive manner.
Presented by: Education Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
**General Resolution Number 26-080
Authorization to Loan to Global Gaming Solutions, LLC for Its Acquisition of Remington Park**
Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to loan up to \$40,000,000 in tribal funds to Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, for purposes of acquiring Remington Park. Such loan would be required to be paid back within 7 years and be subject to a repayment interest rate of at least 8%. Such rate is substantially higher than the 0.5% to 3.5% annual interest rate the Chickasaw Nation’s current investments earn and would yield as much as \$6,000,000 more in total return as compared to our current investment rates. Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, is wholly owned by the Chickasaw Nation.
Emergency Legislation: This resolution is needed immediately because of the time line necessary for the purchase of Remington Park
Presented by: Legislative Committee
Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
No votes: Beth Alexander

2009-2010 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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2. Nancy Elliott 620 Ann Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-5485	2. Connie Barker 509 SW 7th Ave. Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-5420	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818
3. Katie Case 14368 County Road 3597 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 421-9390	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods 4736 Chickasaw Trail Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Shana Tate Hammond 1606 Southern Hills Dr. Ardmore, OK 73401 (580) 220-7361	<u>Panola District</u> <u>Seat #</u> 1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409 bethalexander22@hotmail.com
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
September 18, 2009**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Nancy Elliott, Dana Hudspeth, Michael L. Wingo, Ashley Large

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - August 21, 2009

Ms. Green noted an error in the minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the August 21, 2009 minutes as corrected.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2009, as amended, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 26-009, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 Section 16-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislature and Legislation)

This resolution amends a section in Title 16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that any piece of proposed legislation will be given a number as well as assigned to an appropriate Committee for further review.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve PR26-009.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

8 yes votes

Members voting no: Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

4 no votes

The motion to approve PR26-009 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 26-074, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Mr. Brian Campbell

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Sec-

retary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Brian Campbell will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR26-074.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-074 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number GR26-075, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Mr. Neal McCaleb

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Neal McCaleb to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Neal McCaleb will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-075.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-075 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number GR26-076, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Mr. Steve Woods

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Steve Woods to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Steve Woods will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR26-076.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Steve Woods

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR26-076 carried.

General Resolution Number GR26-077, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority, Mr. Ron Hartin

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Ron Hartin to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Hartin will fill a term of office which will end on October 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-077.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-077 carried unani-

mously.

General Resolution Number GR26-078, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority, Mike Talley

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Mike Talley to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Talley was first appointed to the Board in 2003. This reappointment will be for a term of office which will end on October 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR26-078.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-078 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-079, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR26-079.

Mr. Woerz noted a typographical error in the resolution. Ms. McManus and Mr. Colbert amended their motions to approve the resolution as amended.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-079, as amended, carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number PR26-010, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Bail Bond Procedures Act)

This resolution amends Title 5, Chapter 10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to establish bail bond procedures for the Chickasaw Nation District Court in order to assist the

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Judicial Department and the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department in the more timely and efficient administration of justice. The bail bond schedule will be set forth by Chickasaw Nation District Court rule. Pursuant to these revisions to the Code, certain authorized designees shall have the authority to accept bail, in the form of a cashier's check or postal/commercial money order, on behalf of the Chickasaw District Court. Such authorized designees shall also accept as bail a guaranteed arrest bond certificate issued by a surety company, subject to certain conditions.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve PR26-010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR26-010 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Briggs presented a plaque, from the Legislature, to Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott for 12 years of service. Mr. Woerz commended her for her service.

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson regarding the election's candidate list and per capita payments.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:27 a.m. Respectfully Submitted, Holly Easterling, Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
ADDITIONAL REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
October 1, 2009

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms

Guests present: Matthew Morgan, David Hatton, Brian Campbell, Jenny Trett, Bill Lance

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

Chairperson Briggs asked the Legislature to consider adopting the short agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Ms. McManus to adopt the shortened agenda.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to adopt the shortened agenda carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution 26-080, Authorization to Loan to Global Gaming Solutions, LLC for Is Acquisition of Remington Park

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the purchase of Remington Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR26-080.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Beth Alexander

1 no vote

The motion to GR26-080 carried.

AGENDA ITEM #5 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 2:06 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Holly Easterling, Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

October 13, 2009

Present: Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Absent: David Woerz

Education Committee

October 5, 2009

Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee

October 13, 2009

Present: Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods

Absent: David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Health Committee

October 5, 2009

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert

Human Resources Committee

October 5, 2009

Present: Dean McManus, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Land Development Committee

October 5, 2009

Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Legislative Committee

October 1, 2009

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker, Dean McManus,

Shana Tate Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott

October 5, 2009

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker, Dean McManus, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Nancy Elliott

Absent: Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert

October 13, 2009

Present: Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker, Dean McManus, Shana Hammond, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, David Woerz

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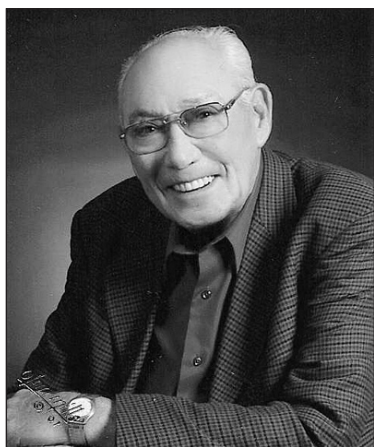
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Wade Walton Brown



Wade Walton Brown, 86, died Oct. 16, 2009 at Sulphur, Okla. Funeral services were October 20, 2009 at the First Baptist Church of Sulphur with Pastor Bill Leveridge officiating. Interment was in Oaklawn Cemetery at Sulphur.

Mr. Brown was born on January 1, 1923 at Springer, Okla., to the late Joseph Edward and Cassie Drew (Fletcher) Brown.

He and Billie Kathryn Chaffin were married Dec 23, 1947 at Gainesville, Texas.

Mr. Brown served in the U.S. Army during World War II and again in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged on Oct 12, 1955 at the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He worked many years for the Occidental Chemical Co. as a chemical consultant.

He loved his family and expressed that love continuously. He greatly enjoyed watching them water ski. He believed in strong moral values when it came to his family. Other enjoyments included going on trips with his brothers and sisters, gardening and playing dominos. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sulphur.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Billie Kathryn Chaffin on July 8, 2007; a sister, Nadine Hatfield; and a brother, Ralph Brown.

Mr. Brown is survived by a daughter, Mary Carolyn Ozborn and husband Carl; a son, Duane Warren Brown; two granddaughters, Kathryn Walck and husband, Mark and Krista Emory and husband, Don; five great-grandchildren, Madysen, Kirsten, Sydney and Alexis Walck and Karlee Emory.

Pallbearers were Toddy Crumb, Russell Watson, Kevin Dale, Gary Wayne Chaffin, Stephen Paul Chaffin, Alan Dale,

Mark Woodell and Kent Dale.

Honorary bearers were Larry Don Chaffin, David Shores, David Swab, Todd Allen Crumb, Brett Flatt, Terry Flowers, Keith Limke, Ricky Stough, Keith Chaffin, Scott Chaffin and Brad Frazier.

Virginia Helen Chapman



Virginia Helen Chapman died Sept. 16, 2009. Daughter of original enrollee Winnie Lucille Neighbors Blocker and Claud William Blocker, she was born May 26, 1918.

Mrs. Chapman was a loving and giving person. Her passion was her children and their welfare. Life dealt many hard blows to her with the loss of her husband at an early age, leaving her with three small children to raise.

She mothered all who came her way and the sweetest acknowledgement came from her daughter-in-law, Vivian, who said "She was the only mother I knew."

She worked several years for Santa Fe Railroad and later at Zapta Oil Co., where she retired at the age of 70. She went to work at Walmart and retired from Walmart at the age of 81.

She resided at Bastrop, Texas for 20 years then moved to San Antonio, Texas to live with her son, David. The last year-and-a-half she lived with her sister at Porter, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Paul Chapman; parents, Claud William and Winnie Lucille Blocker; and a brother, Bruce Clude Blocker.

She is survived by her children, William K Dooley, Lawrence David Chapman and wife, Vivian, and Kathryn Blanche Potter; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lillian Louise Haddock; and numerous loving friends.

She was laid to rest Sept. 19, 2009 at Porter.

Alton Ray Nix

Graveside services for Alton Ray Nix, 46, of Chickasha, Okla., were Sept. 5, 2009 at Memory Lane Cemetery, Ardmore, Okla., with Rev. Walter Mullican officiating.

Mr. Nix died Sept. 1, 2009 at Chickasha after a long illness. He was born Feb. 13, 1963 at Oklahoma City, to James A. and Marcella (Pinkie Mullican) Nix.

Mr. Nix grew up in Anadarko, Okla., and Broxton, Okla., areas where he attended schools. He worked as a long-distant truck driver, in the oil field, as a carpenter and a painter.

He enjoyed fishing, noodling and setting throw lines. He loved dogs and raising chickens.

He never met a stranger and was liked by the young and old.

Mr. Nix attended the House of Resurrection in Chickasha, and knew the Lord as his Savior.

He was preceded in death by a baby sister, Rhonda Sue Nix; and his grandparents, Roy and Grace Nix and M.C. and Mildred (Underwood) Mullican.

He is survived by his two sons, Chris Nix, of Norman, Okla., and Dustin Nix, of Shawnee, Okla.; a daughter, Desirae Nix, of Edmond, Okla.; a grandson and granddaughter; his parents, Marcella and James Nix, of Anadarko; two brothers, James V. Nix, of Oklahoma City, and Houston L. Nix, of Chickasha; three sisters, Becky Nix Young and husband, Daniel, of Yukon, Okla., Gina Nix Seals, of Shawnee, and Marla Nix Massey and husband, Carl, of McCloud; three uncles, Rev. Walter Mullican and wife, Kathy, of Bethany, Okla., Steve Mullican and wife, Kelly, of Newalla, and Billy Joe Nix and wife, Joy, of Weatherford, Okla.; two aunts, Jean Lenius and Chris Davis, of Anadarko; two great-aunts, Joyce Vinyard and Velma Ross, of Anadarko; three great-uncles, Bill Underwood, of Disney, Okla., and Donald Underwood and Calvin Underwood, of Blanchard, Okla.; numerous nieces and nephews; and other relatives and many loving friends.

Mr. Nix was the great-grandson of full blood Chickasaw, Louis Joel Underwood, an original enrollee.

He was proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

We will all meet in Heaven one day.

Crystal Gail Colene Shahan

Crystal Gail Colene (Wade) Shahan, 29, of Waurika, Okla., died August 12, 2009 at Waurika. Services were August 19, 2009, at the Callaway-Smith-Cobb Funeral Home, with Rev. Carl Herd officiating. Burial followed in Marlow Cemetery.

She was born November 22, 1979 at Chickasha, Okla., to Stanford Willis Wade, Jr. and Ruby Louise Wade Hodgeson. She lived in the Duncan (OK) area most of her life and attended Duncan Public School.

She married Tonie Lee Shahan on November 27, 2005 at Duncan.

She was a full-time housewife and loved spending time with her husband, children and family. She enjoyed spending time outdoors, fishing, riding motorcycles, watching soap operas, listening to music and going to the casino. She loved her dogs, Bud, Cocoa and Bart. Mrs. Shahan was a member of the Graceway Baptist Church in Duncan.

She was proud of her Chickasaw/Choctaw Indian heritage.

She is survived by her husband, Tonie Shahan, of the home; son, Cameron David Willis Wade Shahan, of the home; a daughter, Shalynn Gail Leeann Shahan, of the home; mother, Ruby (Wade) Hodgeson, of Waurika; five brothers, Stanley Wayne Wade, of Oklahoma City, Stanley Howard (Wade) Kapuss, of Eufless, Texas, Maurice Wade and wife, Denna, of Lamesa, Texas, David Wade and wife, Mikal, and Timothy Wade, all of Cushing, Okla., a sister, Connie Foran, of Duncan; two brothers-in-law, Johnny Shahan and wife, Crystal, of Duncan, and Brance Shahan and wife Roseanne, of Marlow; mother-in-law, Barbara Shahan of Velma, Okla.; sister-in-law, Jamie and Darrel McLemore, of Checotah, Okla.; and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her son, Tonie Lee Shahan, II; father, Stanford Wade, Jr.; brother, Michael (Wade) Kapuss; and her grandparents.

Crystal will be greatly missed and you will always be in our hearts forever. Crystal is now in heaven with her son.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.callawaysmithcobb.com

Margaret Sperry Tipps

Margaret Sperry Tipps, 90, died October 12, 2009 at Ardmore, Okla. Graveside services were October 15, 2009 at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Tipps was born January 17, 1919 at Madill, Okla., to Clarence Sperry and Ermine (McGee) Sperry.

After graduating from high school she attended nursing school.

She married Harry Tipps and settled in Ardmore. She became a private nurse with Dr. Lorentzon of Ardmore, for many years until her retirement.

She was a 50-year member of The Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Asbury Methodist Church. She was an avid animal lover and enjoyed spending time with her family. She cherished her Chickasaw Heritage.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harry Tipps; seven siblings, Opal Evans, Mildred Parker, Wanda Cane, Howard Sperry, Ann Robertson, Jim Sperry, and Jerry Sperry.

She is survived by Bob Sperry, of Ardmore; Clarence Sperry, of Moore, Okla.; Joe Sperry, of Yukon, Okla.; Wini Arnold, of Las Vegas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Note of Thanks

The family of Crystal Gail Colene (Wade) Shahan would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for the kindness that was showed when Crystal went to be with the Lord and her son, Tonie Lee Shahan, II.

Also a thank you to the Chickasaw Nation staff at both Duncan offices. We appreciate each and everyone of you. God Bless you.

Crystal is greatly missed by her family.

God Bless!

Crystal Wade Shahan family, Ruby Wade Hodgeson, Cameron Wade, Shalynn Shahan and Tonie Shahan.

Thanks, God Bless